

Higher taxes for mid-range homes

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury plans to increase the tax bill faced by people buying apartments and houses costing more than \$50,000, while reducing the burden for those purchasing low-priced homes.

This is despite Finance Ministry assurances in the past week that the general tax burden would not increase.

In a request to the Knesset Finance Committee, the Treasury says it wants to improve the balance of taxes between high and low-priced homes.

Since last July, 0.5 per cent in taxes has been charged on residential properties costing up to \$550,000. Those priced at between \$550,000 and \$1,300,000 have incurred a 3.5 per cent levy and properties above this price have been taxed at the rate of 4.5 per cent. The tax brackets have not been adjusted, despite inflation. Thus, as house prices rise, purchasers are faced with paying more tax in real terms.

Now the Treasury wants to adjust the figures while, at the same time, increasing the tax burden on medium-priced properties.

The proposed figures are: a tax of 0.5 per cent on properties up to \$1 million (about \$20,000); 3 per cent on homes between \$1 m. and \$2.5m. (up to around \$50,000); 5 per cent on purchases of between \$2.5m. and \$5m. (up to \$100,000); 7 per cent on homes costing \$5m. to \$10m. and 9 per cent on houses and apartments at over \$10m. (\$200,000).

Liberals hold 'post mortem' on Aridor's bank tax

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Liberal Party Knesset faction voiced almost unanimous opposition to the proposed 0.3 per cent tax on cheque accounts yesterday in a meeting with Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

The meeting took place one day after Aridor said he was taking back his proposal due to public opposition.

Absent from the meeting was Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich, who on Sunday accused the Treasury of misleading him over the tax.

In his opening remarks, Aridor said he had not changed his mind about the tax. "We need \$10 billion to finance Israel's stay in Lebanon, and to judge from the past a cabinet will not approve a cut in the other budget items," he said.

The proposed tax is easy to collect, and causes minimum distortions. The cost to firms will be only half the 0.3 per cent rate, since it will be deductible from taxable income, Aridor added.

Most of the tax's critics said during the meeting that it represents an invasion of privacy.

Some Liberals proposed a cut in government expenditure as an alternative. Among these MKs was Eli Kulas, who said that every minister knows where his ministry budget could be cut.

Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper proposed an increase in the value added tax.

One Liberal MK said Likud voters were more than upset by the proposed tax. Most of those who protested are our voters, he said, so how can we go on and impose it?

Drori: War could have been easier

Had the goals of the war in Lebanon been clearer at the start, the Israel Defence Forces could have accomplished its mission more quickly and "with almost no real fighting," OC Northern Command Maj. Amir Drori told an Israeli radio interviewer yesterday in a programme marking the first anniversary of the war.

He said that as the war actually developed, it took on the nature of improvisation.

Drori emphasized, however, that any event the Palestine Liberation Organization took a severe beating. The Syrians also were hurt, though not sufficiently, he added.

Drori said that the political action was deeply involved in military moves, but this did not hamper the effectiveness of the IDF.

In a later interview on Galei Zahav, Drori said that the IDF had ways to fight the terrorists operating from behind Syrian lines in Lebanon. But the circumstances there, he said, were "special."

Operation Peace for the Galilee was never expected to last just 24 hours, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon said last night on Israel Television.

Sharon told an interviewer that members of the cabinet were made aware as early as June 5, 1982, that the goals of the war could not be achieved in such a short time.

The government defined its war aims exactly, Sharon said, but during the fighting additional possibilities opened up.

AF officer: Beirut raid 'a mock assault'

Jerusalem Post Staff

L. AVIV. — The deputy commander of the Israel Air Force said yesterday that a bombing raid on Beirut last August 12 — which the PLO called the heaviest of the war — was in fact mostly a mock assault.

In an interview with Kol Yisrael, an officer, whose name was withheld, said the planes flew in 72 consecutive waves over the Lebanese capital, swooping low and causing it to boom in order to "create a subtle atmosphere" for the PLO to withdraw.

The officer said only a few dozen bombs were dropped, and all fell on chosen Palestinian terrorist targets.

The PLO said 44,000 bombs were dropped in the attack, 700 houses collapsed, and 1,000 people died.

A retired U.S. colonel, Trevor Dupuy, who visited Beirut during the war, told an Israeli interviewer at the time that no air force in the world could have dropped 44,000 bombs in 10 hours, and that at most, the Israelis could have dropped 3,600 bombs.

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A mechanical shovel clears away rubble last night after the Tel Aviv municipality razed an illegal structure built by hotelier Haim Shiff on the sidewalk on Rehov Ibn Gvirol, near the Shekhem building. The municipality took its action after Shiff disregarded a request to destroy the structure himself. Shiff told Israel Television last night that he will "see to it that (Mayor Shlomo) Lahat will not be renominated."

Lebanese close shops on war's anniversary

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — The anniversary of Operation Peace for Galilee was marked around Lebanon yesterday with commercial strikes and demonstrations on the part of residents, and alertness on the part of Israel Defence Forces soldiers.

Several hundred refugees in the Rashadiye camp south of Tyre marched through the camp and on adjoining roads. A large group of women and children waved placards calling on Israel to free those held in the Ansar detention camp. Several demonstrators unfurled black flags.

In Tyre and Sidon, and on the coastal road connecting them, there was a partial commercial strike and many public institutions were closed. But no disturbances were reported.

IDF forces usually refrain from interfering in demonstrations in Lebanon. In a demonstration in Nabatiye, residents called for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. A car bomb exploded in Nabatiye and wounded a local man.

IDF soldiers in the central sector were put on alert yesterday, but the tension of recent weeks was reported to have abated.

In Beirut, mainly in the Shi'ite and Moslem quarters, there was a commercial strike and on some houses, slogans against the IDF and Israel were daubed.

Twice yesterday, fire was directed at IDF forces from the area held by U.S. Marines of the Multi-National Force. The first time, small arms fire was opened at an IDF patrol one kilometre south of Rahat University and the second (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Knesset to hear calls for inquiry into war

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Alignment and Shinui Knesset factions were girding their loins last night for tomorrow's debate on two motions for the establishment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the government's handling of the war in Lebanon.

But no prospects of the two opposition motions getting a majority were in sight, because the coalition parties have closed their ranks, leaving perhaps two of their MKs unsure as to how they will vote.

In the Alignment Knesset faction, objections to the demand for an inquiry, aired by a handful of hawks and amplified by former chief of staff Mordechai Gur, resulted in a formal vote to confirm a previous decision pressing this demand.

Twenty Alignment MKs were in favour of an inquiry, five voted against, and Gur abstained. The five "nays" were Shlomo Hillel, Arye Nehamkin, Nahman Raz, Ra'anan Naim and Michael Bar-Zohar.

Gur said that the Alignment should not be too eager to shout for judicial inquiries into such sensitive matters since it would be back in

Lavi parts to be built by Grumman

BETHPAGE, New York (AP). — Israel has awarded a multimillion-dollar contract for building lightweight fighter plane parts to Grumman Aerospace Corp., the Long Island firm announced yesterday.

George Skurla, Grumman chairman and president, announced the award for designing, developing and building the tail and fuel-carrying wing for the single-seat, single-engine Lavi from lightweight composite materials.

Current plans call for the production of 300 of the military planes for delivery starting in 1990 to Israel Aircraft Industries.

Judea official continues visits to Arab municipalities

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The head of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration, Tat-Aluf Shlomo Ilyia, yesterday continued a series of relatively high-profile visits to Arab municipalities in the West Bank designed to show that the 18 month boycott of the administration by the local population has been broken.

Ilyia met with Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij and later with members and workers of the local municipality. While the subjects discussed were purely municipal, statements that Ilyia made later on the radio and on the Arabic service of Israel TV had a definite political message.

The PLO's set-backs in Lebanon and the recent mutiny among Fatah forces on the Bekaa had definitely weakened the PLO's standing in the eyes of the population in the West Bank, Ilyia said. This was part of the

TA police commander has heart surgery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv District police commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman yesterday underwent successful heart surgery at Ichilov Hospital.

He was hospitalized last week after feeling pains in his chest. Deputy Pat-Nitzav Shlomo Haron is assuming his duties.

Syria repeats opposition to Lebanese pact

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Reporter and agencies

Syria yesterday strongly reaffirmed its opposition to the recently concluded agreement between Israel and Lebanon, as the Lebanese parliament began a crucial debate on the pact.

"From the very first moment of the signing of the agreement between Israel and Lebanon, Syria declared an irrevocable decision," Syrian Culture Minister Najah Attar said in a commentary in the government daily *Tishrin*. "This decision has neither been rescinded nor will it ever be changed."

She went on to note that "Syria will not withdraw its troops from Lebanon until all Israeli troops have gone without any conditions or gains on Lebanese territory."

The tough Syrian statement appears to have been timed to coincide with the opening yesterday of a joint closed-doors session of the Lebanese parliamentary committees for defence, foreign affairs, justice and economy to study the Israel-Lebanese agreement preparatory to taking a decision on whether to recommend putting the pact before a plenary session of the Lebanese parliament for ratification.

Although parliament unanimously gave President Amin Jemayel the go-ahead to sign the agreement last month, final ratification is constitutionally required before it can go into effect.

U.S. opposes IDF pullback to Awali line

By WOLF BLITZER
Post Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials yesterday said they opposed a unilateral Israeli withdrawal to the Awali River, fearing that it would merely set the stage for a *de facto* partition of Lebanon.

At the same time, they expressed fear that any such unilateral act might undermine the government of President Amin Jemayel, since the withdrawal would presumably create a vacuum into which PLO and Syrian forces might try to move.

During the talks leading to the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, administration officials stressed, the U.S., Lebanon and Israel committed themselves to extensive consultations in advance of any unilateral actions. That, the officials said, has precluded any early Israeli pullback.

U.S. military analysts do not believe, moreover, that such an Israeli retreat would necessarily reduce the Israeli casualty rate. A war of attrition waged by Syrian and PLO forces, they said, could easily be started further south.

What also concerns U.S. officials is the prospect that a new Israeli line parallel to the Awali River would probably require the establishment of elaborate security devices, including fences which would give the appearance of partition. That, they said, could also endanger Jemayel's regime.

While there is a fairly unanimous U.S. position against an Israeli pullback to the Awali, there are differences within the administration over the wisdom of a total Israeli retreat to the international border at this time.

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Syria said holding out for 'concessions' from Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

High officials in Syria keep maintaining that Syria wants to withdraw its forces from Lebanon after the withdrawal of the IDF, according to a reliable foreign source who held talks with officials in Damascus during the last few days.

The source said yesterday that pressure by the Syrians on Lebanon is meant to achieve bigger concessions for an eventual Syrian withdrawal. The source said it is also possible that the Syrians would prefer merely an "understanding" between them and Lebanon rather than a written agreement.

The source said he believed that Syria is not interested in the partition of Lebanon and that its main effort in the near future will be to end Syrian isolation in the Arab world. He said that Soviet presence in Syria is felt, but he said it is difficult for him to estimate the extent to which the Soviets will dictate Syrian President Hafez Assad's political moves.

The comments made by the source after his visit to the Syrian capital are in keeping with the basic U.S. position. The Americans, it is learned, still believe the Syrians will eventually agree to withdraw. American officials have said on several occasions that just as the negotiations between Israel and Lebanon took more than four months, so the talks between Syria and Lebanon will take time.

Meanwhile, American sources in Israel emphasized yesterday that the consultations in Washington with the U.S. envoys in the midst and with special envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper should not be seen as an American reassessment of its position. The U.S., it was stressed, still thinks that more time should be given until the true Syrian intentions in Lebanon are clarified.

Israel's position has not changed and, according to political sources in Jerusalem, Israel will not withdraw unilaterally without coordinating any changes in its military deployment in Lebanon with the U.S. Israel made it clear to the U.S., however, that it cannot wait indefinitely for Syrian acceptance of the Israel-Lebanon agreement.

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Be'er Sheva	11-15	10-15	Clear
Yotvata	11-15	10-15	Clear

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday welcomed a parliamentary delegation from Bolivia under the leadership of Senator Hector Ormazabal. Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidon hosted the members of the delegation at a dinner at the Knesset. Savidor also hosted the deputy prime minister of Swaziland, Senator Benjamin Nsibandze.

Bank of Israel Governor Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum yesterday hosted the finance minister of the Dominican Republic, Don Jose Raphael Abinader.

Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science as guest of the president, Professor Michael Sela. Ne'eman, who was accompanied by the ministry's Director-General, Tanchum Grizim, as well as by the chief scientists of the Ministry of Science and Development and the Ministry of Industry and Trade, also met with Professors Israel Dostrovsky and Igal Talmi.

A lecture in memory of Weizmann Institute Prof. Dov Elad was given yesterday at the Institute by Prof. Abraham Patchornik, who spoke on "Polymeric Reagents as Aids in Organic Synthesis".

Sarah Sela, wife of Weizmann Institute president Professor Michael Sela, will host a luncheon at her home in Rehovot today for ninety prominent women in academia, the arts, the press, business and society. The luncheon is part of Na'amat's fund-raising campaign and Mrs. Sela, who has been spending the past week doing all the cooking for the event herself, got the idea for the luncheon from Lea Rabin, chairperson of the Na'amat campaign's public committee.

Mr. Jose Federico de Carvajal, President of the Spanish Senate, yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science as the guest of its president, Prof. Michael Sela. Mr. de Carvajal was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Emilio de Carvajal; the Spanish Consul General in Jerusalem, Mr. Ramon Armengod; the Spanish Consul in Jerusalem, Mr. Jose Urteaga; and by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Schader of Madrid. The group also met with Prof. N. Training, Prof. I. Tseruya and Dr. Juan Ausio.

ARRIVALS

For the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University: Mr. and Mrs. David Vaiton and Mrs. Lena Vaiton from Scotland.

Soviet chief rabbi dies

PARIS (UTA). — The Soviet news agency Tass, yesterday announced the death of 70-year-old Moscow Chief Rabbi Jacob Fishman. Tass said Fishman, a former industrial worker, died of a heart attack on Saturday morning at his home.

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HOME NEWS

Unity gov't idea afloat again

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The political arena is once more buzzing with talk of a national unity government, although the Alignment seems determined to say "no" and the coalition is ill at ease because the initiative comes from its ranks this time.

The latest to float the idea are five coalition MKs: Liberals Dror Zagerman and Yitzhak Ben-Zur, the National Religious Party's Avraham Melamed, Minister without Portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat of the Zionist Renewal Movement, and Rafi's Yigael Hurvitz, as reported in our second edition yesterday.

Hurvitz is due to meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin on the

question this week and the Herut Knesset faction may discuss it today.

But in the coalition and the opposition little hope is seen for this latest attempt to widen the coalition, mainly because the five MKs pushing the proposal are far from united on how to advance their cause.

Ultimatums are also not expected from Ben-Porat and Hurvitz. Hurvitz said yesterday that "no government with a narrow majority can surmount the economic difficulties, not the Likud and not a Labour-led coalition that Labour is dreaming about. Such a coalition would be a very sorry one, indeed. I know those 'heroes' from the Alignment. They engage in double-speak and would

never have the nerve to take the unpopular moves necessary to save off economic disaster. Only a very broad coalition would," he said.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said they don't regard the idea as one that can readily be implemented. They said that Labour had spurned three offers by Begin to form such a government in the last few years and that Begin is not likely to invite another rebuke.

On the Alignment side, the argument against a national unity government has been that the government is in such disarray because of the economy and the situation in Lebanon that it would be foolish for Labour to come to its rescue.

IN THE KNESSET/Aryeh Rubinstein

MKs favour lower age for criminal liability

By a vote of 20-12, the Knesset yesterday referred to committee a bill that in some cases would reduce the age of criminal responsibility from 13 to 11.

In another action, the House referred to the Interior Committee a bill giving local authorities the power to promulgate by-laws without requiring the approval of the interior minister.

Under the first bill, children of 11 or 12 will be held responsible for crimes they commit if it is proved that they understood that they were doing something forbidden.

The bill was presented by Shoshana Arbeli, on behalf of the Law Committee. It was initiated by Arbeli, Jacques Amir, Amnon Linn, and Rafael Suissa (all Alignment), and Benny Shalit (Likud).

Arbeli reminded the Knesset that originally it had set the age of criminal responsibility at nine (if the child had understood, etc.), and that this had been raised to 13 by the Yitzhaki amendment in June 1978.

The experience accumulated

since then, Arbeli said, showed that raising the age had been premature. The welfare officers who were supposed to have rehabilitated the young delinquents who had been spared legal punishment, proved unable to cope with the task.

As a result, children who committed minor crimes with impunity have been led to continue their criminal ways, sometimes even boasting that the law could not touch them, Arbeli said. In addition, their immunity has been exploited by adult criminals.

Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) and Charlie Biton (Democratic Front) opposed the bill, arguing that the age of 13 be retained and the rehabilitation provisions of the Yitzhaki amendment implemented.

CROWDED LOCK-UPS

Yitzhak Seyger (Likud-Liberals), in a motion for the agenda, called for better conditions in police lock-ups. He said it was intolerable that suspects being detained before trial should live in worse quarters than convicted criminals.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg agreed on that point, and granted that the situation was bad, with crowded quarters an especially acute problem in Jerusalem and Beersheba.

But he listed a number of improvements that have been, and are being made, and agreed that the subject be referred to the Interior Committee.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

The private members' bill obviating the approval of the interior minister of the by-laws of local authorities was initiated by MKs of three different factions: Sara Doron, David Magen, Meir Shitrit, and Benny Shalit (Likud); Raphael Suissa (Alignment), and Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui).

Burg, in a two-sentence reply, said that he had some reservations about the bill but agreed with it in principle. Excepted from the bill's scope are by-laws imposing levies. Here the interior minister would have 60 days in which to reject the by-law, if he so chooses.

Arafat confers with Fahd

JEDDA (Reuters). — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat yesterday discussed the Middle East situation and developments in the region, the official Saudi press agency said.

It said the meeting was attended by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Faisal and the PLO representative in Saudi Arabia, Rafiq Nathe.

It was expected that Arafat briefed the Saudi monarch on a four-week-old mutiny in his Fatah group threatening his leadership. Fahd, whose country is a major political and financial backer of the PLO, last week called on the rebellious leaders to settle their differences and unify their ranks.

Earlier yesterday, Arafat told about 200 Palestinians that the PLO

would continue to fight for what he called independence of Palestinian decision-making.

Arafat's trips appeared designed to win support for his policy against the dissidents in the movement, who are demanding a tougher political stand and armed struggle against Israel.

In Damascus, meanwhile, George Habash, the leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was gathering support for a proposal that would have both sides in the fight condemn the use of weapons, and refer the conflict to Fatah's central committee and senior PLO leaders.

A spokesman for Habash said he had obtained agreement for the proposal from Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Kleibi and some other PLO factions.

Both sides marking time in MDs strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The stalemate in the doctors' wage talks continued yesterday, with representatives of each side insisting that they are waiting for "new proposals" from the other in order to resume negotiations.

The Israel Medical Association's trade union committee will meet either today or tomorrow for further discussions on the conduct of the 98-day-old strike during the next few months, spokesman Dr. Shmuel Friedman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

No final decisions have been made on implementing the suggestions raised on Sunday for widening the strike, he said.

A highly placed Treasury source told *The Post* last night that the employers were willing to resume the talks "at any time, as soon as the doctors submit their new proposals to us."

The last direct contact between the two sides was last Friday, when the IMA rejected the employers' proposed salary table for clinic doctors.

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time, a bazooka was fired at an IDF position in the same area.

IDF sources said this was the first time that terrorist fire has come from the area of the Marines.

Detainees in the Ansar camp in Southern Lebanon yesterday burned 20 tents and shouted slogans against Israel.

Large IDF and military police forces were called into the area, but did not enter the camp. After several hours, the detainees calmed down.

The International Red Cross yesterday expressed satisfaction with the IDF's handling of the Ansar disturbance.

About 4,900 men are held in the camp. Their number has increased recently following the arrest of some 250 people by security forces in Southern Lebanon.



The speaker of the Spanish senate, Don Jose Federico De Carvajal (left), presenting the Spanish parliamentary medal to Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor in Savidor's office yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Witness has memory lapse in attempted-murder trial

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A key prosecution witness in the trial of Salomon Mashrawi, a "police informer" who is charged with attempted murder, yesterday retracted much of the evidence he had given, stating he "did not remember" his testimony.

The witness was Abdalla Gibli, whom the prosecution says Mashrawi, 28, and Hassan Khil, 25, of Jaffa, conspired to kill with grenades. Another alleged conspirator, Mohammed Ayish, has

turned state's witness.

The trial is taking place against the background of violence, extortion and attempted murders in Jaffa over control of the drug trade there. Gibli.

It was during his cross-examination by Khil's lawyer, Uri Ron, that Gibli's memory failed him. "He (Ron) is asking me superfluous questions," Gibli told the judges. "What's the point of all this? Who threw the grenade, what threw the grenade. I don't remember."

\$2,000 vanishes from police safe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SAVA. — The police internal investigations department has been called in to find out how more than \$2,000 in cash vanished from a safe in the police station here.

The money in the safe had been taken from a man who was being held overnight following a row between neighbours last October.

The next day the safe was found open with the money gone. Since then police have been investigating the incident, with all the officers at Kfar Sava having taken lie detector tests.

The man has complained that he has not been compensated, even though he holds an official receipt for turning the \$2,000 over for safe-keeping.

But yesterday a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said: "It is clear the police have a responsibility to return the money to him, irrespective of what is happening in the investigation."

U.S. OPPOSES PULLBACK

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Some U.S. officials believe a complete Israeli withdrawal would put enormous pressure on the Syrians to leave, since they would then have no excuse left to stay behind.

But other American experts strongly disagree with what they charge is a "naïve" line of thinking. They fear that Syrian intentions toward a permanent presence in Lebanon have been underlined in the angry Damascus response to the Israeli-Lebanese accord.

These American officials — a majority — are convinced that the Syrians will leave only under pressure from the Israeli military and from other moderate Arab states.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem has been telling American visitors to Beirut in recent weeks that Lebanon would welcome a total Israeli pullout, convinced the Syrians would follow suit. But while that view is still held by some U.S. officials, most strongly disagree.

Indeed, Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir told reporters last Friday that senior administration officials had urged Israel not even to speculate publicly about any withdrawals since that merely tended to ease the pressure on the Syrians to cooperate with the agreement. Meanwhile, the State Department yesterday flatly denied a report in *Newsweek* magazine that special envoy Philip Habib was about to be removed. "Nonsense," spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters. He said President Reagan had "full confidence" in Habib and that "no consideration has been given to a replacement."

Slight mix-up at U.S. airport for new envoy Rosenne

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel's new ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, yesterday informally submitted his diplomatic credentials to the State Department after a ro-faced welcome at the airport on Sunday. He is expected to be received at the White House later this month by President Ronald Reagan.

After meeting with deputy Secretary Kenneth Dam, Rosenne spent the rest of yesterday at the State Department, getting acquainted with other senior department personnel.

The ambassador, the former ambassador to France and a former Foreign Ministry legal adviser at the Camp David Summit in 1978, is already scheduled to speak at several Jewish functions in the next few days.

Rosenne's arrival in Washington on Sunday started off on an awkward note. When he arrived at Dulles Airport, he discovered that no one was waiting in the arrival hall to welcome him. After waiting a few moments, Rosenne went downstairs to the baggage claim area to collect his luggage.

Former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, on the other hand, found a large welcoming crowd assembled for his arrival at the airport. This was unusual — to say the least — since Brzezinski is now a scholar at Georgetown University and has no official duties.

Brzezinski, who had been on the same flight as Rosenne, was escorted to a private VIP lounge where the receiving delegation was assembled. Among those welcoming Brzezinski were senior diplomats from the Israeli Embassy and officials from the State Department, including the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Robert Pelletreau, and Kim Pendleton, the country director for Israel and Arab-Israeli affairs.

It did not take long for some red faces to develop. What happened in short, was that airline officials had given out the wrong information to the State Department protocol and embassy people. Brzezinski received the official welcome while Rosenne was left to deplane with the regular passengers. When the mix-up became clear, the official welcome scrambled down stairs to the baggage claim area where they found Rosenne waiting patiently for his luggage. Later, everyone had a good laugh.

Dutch UNIFIL soldier killed accidentally

KURA (AP). — A sergeant in the Dutch contingent of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was killed yesterday when a rifle went off accidentally, a spokesman for the force said.

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Thousands to greet Satmar rebbe

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mounted police are expected to escort the Satmar rebbe through streets lined by thousands of followers, when he arrives today in Jerusalem to be formally crowned as president of the *Eda Haredit* Ultra-Orthodox community.

It will be the first visit to Israel by 68-year-old Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum since assuming the title of Satmar rebbe three years ago, following the death of the previous rebbe and an internal power struggle for the succession.

During the two-week stay in Israel, the spiritual leader of the anti-Zionist *haredi* camp is to make a major political speech attacking the state and those *haredi* factions supporting it. He is also to lay the cornerstone for a new apartment complex of 350 units in the Tel Arza quarter and to visit institutions under *Eda Haredit* aegis in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak.

Accompanied by a party of 800 from the U.S., the rebbe is scheduled to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport at 3 p.m. where he will be met by masses of hassidim from Bnei Brak, as well as by the judges of the *Eda's* rabbinical courts in that city and in Jerusalem. Special permission has been given by the authorities for a reception committee of 15 to board the plane.

Despite a request that U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis receive the rebbe at the airport — a request from the Satmar community in the U.S. and passed on by the State Department — an embassy spokesman said there will be no U.S. representative on hand. "We regard this as a private visit," he said.

From the airport, the rebbe and his entourage will travel to

Jerusalem, stopping off first at Telshe-Stone, an orthodox suburban community near Abu Ghosh, to greet Rav Yitzhak Yehuda Weiss, the rav or rabbi of the *Eda Haredit*. The two titles, president and rabbi, were both held by the previous Satmar rebbe, but the community decided to divide the titles following his death, and award the latter position to Rav Weiss, 80, whose scholarship is widely acknowledged.

The rebbe and the rav will travel in the same car into the city via Bar-Ilan Street. They are expected to arrive about 5 p.m. Awaiting them in Shmuel Hanavi Street will be some 2,000 youngsters from *talmeidei tora* (religious elementary schools) which do not accept state subsidies. The youngsters will line the sidewalks until Mandelbaum Gate where the rebbe will descend from the car and bless them.

According to the detailed plan drawn up over the past four weeks, by a committee headed by the *Eda's* secretary, Yosef Shenberger, the rebbe will then proceed in Mea Shearim Street to Shabbat Square.

The street will be lined by adherents of the rebbe. Twenty yeshivas and other institutions which owe him allegiance are to display placards along the route and hassidic music will be played through 60 loudspeakers.

At Shabbat Square the rebbe will be formally inducted as nasi and address the crowd.

However, his main political speech will be made prior to his departure, say *Eda* officials. After spending a week in Jerusalem in a five-room apartment prepared for him, the rebbe is to move to Bnei Brak for a few days before returning to Jerusalem for his final two days. Travelling with him is his wife and

their two sons and three daughters. All the children are married and are travelling with their own families.

Sources in the Belzer hassidic community, which engaged in serious fighting with Satmar followers several years ago, said yesterday that they doubted that there would be trouble during the rebbe's visit despite the recent attack in New York by Satmar hassidim on a Habad hassid whose beard they cut off. Habad spokesman have also said they expect no violence during the rebbe's visit.

Despite its non-recognition of the state, the *Eda* has cooperated closely with the Jerusalem police on the visit to ensure order. The organizing committee has met frequently with local police commander Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort.

The previous Satmar Rebbe visited Israel 16 years ago. The present rebbe visited four times before assuming his present position.

Robert Rosenberg adds: Jerusalem police and the Satmar hassidim, who have battled in the past in the streets of Mea Shearim, have established a joint command to oversee the rebbe's reception in the capital.

A hassid from the Satmar court will be sitting at the police command desk at the Russian compound, and a police officer specially trained in the ways of the ultra-Orthodox, will be seated in a similar Satmar command post.

Police estimate that some 100,000 ultra-Orthodox Jews will flood the capital this afternoon, when the New York based rebbe arrives.

Traffic patterns may be affected by the visit, and the police are calling on the public to display "patience and tolerance."



Decorations are in place in the Beit Yisrael quarter, off Jerusalem's Mea Shearim, for the arrival in the capital today of the Satmar rebbe. (Yossi Zamir)

Fall TV season promises comedy, thrillers, culture

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel TV will offer more comedy, thrillers, original shows and culture starting in September if management's programme schedule is approved by the board of directors next week.

Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid and TV director Tuvia Sa'ar presented the schedule to the board yesterday.

Among the shows planned is a "magazine" produced by Esther Sofer that will include features of interest to the family, press reviews and viewer comments on TV shows, as well as an interview. It is to be screened on Sunday after the 8 p.m. news bulletin.

There will be a weekly programme on culture with an interview of people in the arts on Thursday nights.

Instead of Rabbi Avidor Hachohen's Shabbat discussion, there will be a programme on how Shabbat is observed by the various ethnic communities.

Dudu Topaz, who was removed from the screen after he uttered an

insulting remark about Likud voters during the last election campaign, will return as host of the game show *Play It*. Educational TV's *Nearest and Dearest*, a comedy about families living in the same apartment house, will return.

TV is also preparing a comedy series on a group of army reservists, but it will not be ready by fall.

Series will include an Agatha Christie drama, Herman Wouk's *The Winds of War*, and the comedy about a British lawyer, *Rumpole*, to be screened on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Children's shows will include a three-weekly programme in which an actor reads stories.

There will be more comedies on Mondays and Saturday nights.

Maba news will be 10 minutes longer on Sundays to accommodate a "special sports magazine." But *Match of the Week* will be cut to half an hour.

The four-hour radio programme summarizing the war in Lebanon will be rebroadcast for those who did not hear it last Shabbat. It will be aired on Thursday at 8 p.m. on the Second Programme.

Badly burned suspect released on bail

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'akov Elmadwi, who was badly burned two weeks ago while saving a cellmate who had set himself alight while they were in police custody, was released on IS10,000 bail yesterday by District Judge David Wallach.

Elmadwi, 30, of Petah Tikva, was arrested early in May and charged with the possession of 16 grams of hashish and a pistol allegedly stolen from a Givatayim flat.

On May 24, Elmadwi's cellmate in the Petah Tikva police lockup, set himself alight. Elmadwi managed to extinguish the flames, but was badly burned. Since then, he has been in Hasharon Hospital under 24-hour police guard.

Prosecutor Ofra Orenstein asked the judge to extend Elmadwi's remand because of former convictions and the grave charges against him. She said he is well looked after despite the doctors' strike.

But the judge, after looking at a photograph of Elmadwi's burns

Plan to spruce up Tel Aviv slum area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kfar Shalem, Tel Aviv's troubled slum area, will soon get 500 housing units with adjoining gardens.

Housing Minister David Levy this week met with Meir Shamir, director of the State Lands Administration about the scheme. They decided that public lands allocated to several construction firms 15 years ago, but unused, will be requisitioned by the administration for use by Kfar Shalem residents who wish to remain in the area and to improve their living conditions.

The neighbourhood was the scene of violence last December when a resident was shot and killed by police after he started shooting to prevent demolition of an illegal structure on his family's property. The incident sparked rioting by Kfar Shalem residents.

Professors ask Begin to rise above party

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — A group of Tel Aviv University professors of Sephardi extraction have called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to "rise above considerations of party and prestige and make a breakthrough that would assure the return home of our soldiers" from Lebanon.

The group, called "Ha-mizrach el ha-shalom" (Peace for the East), appealed to Begin in a telegram sent on Sunday.

"The continuation of the IDF's presence in Lebanon, like the war itself, deepens economic and social rifts (in Israel), because the burden of the war falls mainly on the weaker sectors of the population,"

the telegram to Begin added.

"We call on you to change your present policy and set out on the path of creating a just and healthy society," the professors concluded.

Peace for the East was founded recently. It includes among its members Professor Sasson Somekh, chairman of Tel Aviv University's department of Arabic language and literature.

One of the points of the group's manifesto reads: "We believe that Sephardi Jews should do their part in the peace process now taking shape in our region." Another point reads: "We condemn all acts of repression and racism against Arabs."

Lebanon refusals mounting — 'Yesh Gvul'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An increasing number of reserve soldiers are refusing to serve in Lebanon, and 27 were jailed last month for their refusal, according to the *Yesh Gvul* (There's a Limit) protest movement.

Sixty-one reserve soldiers and officers have been jailed since the war in Lebanon began one year ago, *Yesh Gvul* representatives told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

"Hundreds" of other reservists refused to serve in Lebanon, but persuaded their commanding officers to allow them to do alternative service within the Green Line without being brought to trial, they added.

Members of the movement stressed their ideological opposition to service in Lebanon, and disassociated themselves from what they called the "unprecedented" numbers of reservists who try to evade service in Lebanon by using family or business excuses.

David Palma, a *Yesh Gvul* member who recently completed a 35-day term in an army jail, said soldiers who refuse service in Lebanon are kept together in jail and are not mistreated. "They really don't know how to cope with us," he said.

About half of those jailed for refusing service in Lebanon were not members of *Yesh Gvul* and came, according to the movement, "from all walks of life."

58% unhappy with gov't performance

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than half the public to some extent disapprove of the way the government is handling the nation's problems at present. This is reported in the *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by Modi'in Ezrari under the direction of Sara Shemer. A representative sample of 1,091 persons was interviewed between May 2 and May 10.

Findings show that nearly 58 per cent of the public are to some ex-

tent dissatisfied with government performance. The government was seen as handling the situation in an "excellent" manner by 8.6 per cent and in a "good manner" by 30.7 per cent. In all, 39.3 per cent are satisfied, compared to 41.9 per cent in a similar poll in March.

The government's performance was judged "not so good" by 35.7 per cent and "not good at all" by another 21.9 per cent. In all 57.6 per cent expressed disapproval as against 52.6 per cent in the March poll.

Jewish Agency to get more cash

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jewish federations in the U.S. have agreed to a new arrangement that will allow the United Jewish Appeal to get more cash and the Jewish Agency to take fewer loans.

Jewish Agency treasurer Akiva Lewinsky reported yesterday that the local Jewish communities would no longer hand over to the UJA a portion of money that was pledged, but a percentage of actual cash contributed to the Jewish federations. In the past, the allocation for Israel through the UJA was based on pledges. When some contributors did not honour their pledges, the Jewish Agency was forced to take loans to fund its activities.

Lewinsky said that the federations' acquiescence to the UJA request has already reduced the cumulative debt of the agency and cut its interest payments. The agency, he said, intends to eliminate its debts within five years.

Venezuelan wants closer university links

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Links between Israeli and Venezuelan universities should be strengthened, Venezuelan Education Minister Felipe Montilla Ortega said on a visit to Bar-Ilan University yesterday. Both countries have similar problems in higher education, including cuts in government budgets, he said.

A special link has existed between Venezuela and the university since the establishment of a chair in honour of the Venezuelan minister for the development of human intelligence, Luis Alberto Machado.

Machine replacing railway conductor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A ticket franking-machine was put into operation by Israel Railways at the Dagon central station here yesterday. If it is successful, similar machines will be installed at all stations.

They will eventually replace two-thirds of the railways' 35 conductors. The machines, similar to those used in America and Europe, stamp the date and station of departure on tickets before automatically raising a barrier to allow the passenger onto the platform. Each machine costs about IS120,000.

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Trifa may not be subject to prosecution in Israel

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel would prefer that someone other than Romanian Orthodox Archbishop Valerian Trifa be the first alleged war criminal to be extradited from the U.S. to Israel, because Trifa may not be liable for prosecution.

That is a key reason why negotiations between the two countries, which so far have concentrated on Trifa, have been stalled, sources say.

According to the 1950 law that makes prosecution of Holocaust war criminals possible in Israel, the crime had to have taken place in "a hostile country."

Trifa would be charged with "inciting to murder," since he allegedly aroused a Bucharest riot in 1941 that left dead 250 people, mostly Jews. However, in 1941, the Nazis had not yet occupied Rumania. That country's turmoil at the time was the result of an attempted *putsch* by the Iron Guard, to which Trifa belonged. Thus, legally, Rumania was not yet either under German occupation or an independent member of the Axis, and therefore might not be defined as a "hostile country."

Officials at the Justice Ministry say that so far Trifa's case is the only one under detailed discussion, but they reportedly favour bringing other cases to trial first.

Among those are Ivan Dimianic, who operated the gas chambers at Treblinka, and the former interior minister of Croatia, Andreja Artukovic, who sent some half million Serbs and 20,000 Jews to death camps. Both men face deportation from the U.S.

"These would be 'easier' cases," said one source close to the negotiations between the U.S. and Israel. For the past 18 months the U.S. has been considering sending the al-

leged war criminals, discovered by the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, to Israel.

Meanwhile, the controversy over a venue for high-level talks continued yesterday, with the Justice Ministry denying that U.S. Deputy Attorney-General Mark Richards — who refused to meet with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir at Zamir's East Jerusalem office — ever discussed the Trifa case with Zamir. The *Jerusalem Post* reported yesterday that the general subject of extradition came up in talks the two men held last week at a Plaza Hotel luncheon.

A source at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv emphasized yesterday that during their meeting last week their first ever — the two officials did touch on the issue of extradition, but no details were mentioned.

Another source said that there would have to be negotiations over a venue acceptable to both sides, because State Department policy prohibits senior U.S. officials from conducting business with their Israeli counterparts in East Jerusalem.

However, The *Post* has learned that Alan Ryan, who started the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, has met with Zamir and other Israeli officials in the East Jerusalem offices of the Justice Ministry.

Ryan's successor at OSI, Neil Sher, has also attended meetings at the ministry offices. While neither man is as high ranking as Richards, Israeli officials are puzzled as to why the issue of venue has become so critical to the Americans.

One Israeli source said yesterday that if the U.S. insists that no talks be held in East Jerusalem, then "subordinates will do the work, and when they need their superior's approval, the documents will be 'shuttled' between the senior officials."

Arab councils hold one-day strike today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The Arab Local Councils will today hold a one-day strike in protest against the refusal of the Interior Ministry to appropriate tens of thousands of dunams of land belonging to Arab residents to the jurisdiction of the Misgav Regional Council in the Galilee.

The chairman of the National committee of Arab Local Councils, Ibrahim Nimer Hussein, told The *Jerusalem Post* yesterday that they decided to go ahead with their plan because their efforts to persuade the ministry to reverse its decision failed. He added that last week Interior Minister Yosef Burg convened with two Arab MKs but only promised them he would thoroughly study the subject.

The prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs, Binyamin Gur-Arye said the government has already stated there are no plans to expropriate land belonging to Arab residents in this area. "During the planning of Misgav jurisdiction, some mistakes were made and the Interior Ministry intends to correct them soon, for the benefit of Arab

villagers," Gur-Arye said. Officials at the ministry expressed astonishment over the planned strike. They stated that the Knesset's Interior Committee intends to discuss the problem today.

Telem party disbanded

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Telem, the party founded by the late Moshe Dayan, was officially disbanded yesterday, and its two MKs each went his own political way.

The party's demise was formally acknowledged after all legal and financial arrangements were concluded. It has been inactive for some time.

Minister-without-portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat will represent his Zionist Renewal Movement in the Knesset. MK Yigael Hurvitz, who has revived Rafi, said he may re-enter the Likud if Rafi gives him the green light.

The two new factions received official recognition in the Knesset yesterday.

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Pretoria faces revenge threat

S. African rebels to be hanged on Thursday

JOHANNESBURG. — State President Marais Viljoen commuted the death sentences of three black nationalist guerrillas yesterday, but three others will hang on Thursday and guerrilla leaders say this will lead to retaliation.

Church and human rights groups had led a campaign for clemency for the African National Congress (ANC) members, and a reprieve was granted for three of the six men on death row.

Leaders of the ANC, the main group seeking to overthrow white-minority rule, were in interviews a week ago in Lusaka, Zambia, to retaliate if the men go to the gallows.

Simon Makana, a member of the ANC national executive, said that Pretoria "will be making a political decision" if it goes through with the hangings and the ANC will be forced to retaliate.

"Here you have these people sitting in prison. They can't do any harm. So the people will say 'why should you chop off their heads?' We get our tune from the masses and to the masses these men are heroes," Makana said.

Thelie Simon Mogerane, Jerry Semano Mosololi and Marcus Thabo Motaung will hang on Thursday. They were convicted of several attacks on police stations and other

targets in which four policemen were killed.

Viljoen commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of Anthony Bobby Tsotobe, Johannes Shabangu and David Moise. The three were involved in attacks on a police station, a constable's home and a fuel installation. No one died in the assaults.

There have been no executions of ANC members since Solomon Mahlangu was hanged in April 1979. The then U.S. president Jimmy Carter appealed for a reprieve along with other world leaders, and the execution provoked worldwide protests.

ANC guerrillas have stepped up their attacks on police, military and energy installations. The worst attack came on May 20 when 19 people died and more than 200 suffered wounds from a car bomb blast outside air force headquarters in Pretoria.

In London, the Anti-Apartheid Movement said it had appealed to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and U.S. President Ronald Reagan to intervene to stop the executions.

"These appeals represent a first step in a major international campaign following the news of the executions," the movement said in a statement. (AP, Reuters)

Andropov proposes banning nuclear subs in Baltic Sea

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov said yesterday the Kremlin would be prepared to discuss turning the Baltic Sea into a nuclear weapons-free zone if Scandinavian countries barred atomic weapons from their territories.

The offer, made at a speech in honour of visiting President Mauno Koivisto of Finland, implied that Moscow would be ready to negotiate a pledge to keep its nuclear-armed submarines out of the area.

In his address Andropov also repeated a Kremlin warning that the Soviet Union would retaliate against the deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe with new weapons threatening both Europe and U.S. territory.

Andropov's offer to discuss making the Baltic a nuclear-free zone marked a new step in Moscow's efforts to invigorate a long-standing Finnish proposal for an atomic-free region covering all the Nordic states.

Norway and Denmark, which are both members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance, have been cool towards the idea.

Critics in all the Nordic states have pointed to the Soviet Union's refusal to include its own northern territories adjacent to Norway and Finland.

In Geneva, the Soviet delegation to the Strategic Arms Reduction (START) Talks said yesterday that Moscow favours the superpowers making substantial cuts in the size of their stocks of long-range nuclear weapons.

In a statement on arrival for the talks, which resume here tomorrow, acting delegation head Alexei Obukhov added that the U.S. and the Soviet Union could and must reach an agreement.

Obukhov said the Soviet team intended to keep working towards an accord and called on the U.S. to show goodwill in the negotiations.

He said: "We proceed from the assumption that such agreement is both possible and necessary. Both sides must be equally interested in it."

"The Soviet Union is strongly in favour of deep reductions of strategic arms in their entirety, in the interests of lowering the level of military confrontation and diminishing the risk of outbreak of nuclear war."

Many believed killed in Volga River ship accident

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet passenger ship was involved in a serious accident on the Volga River on Sunday in which many of those on board were killed, according to a government statement last night.

The statement, carried by state television, named the vessel as the Alexander Suvorov and said only that the accident had occurred near the town of Ulyanovsk and had "caused human casualties."

But the unusual nature of the announcement and the fact that a very high-level government commission was formed to investigate the accident made clear that the death toll must have been high.

The statement said the government was taking measures to help the families of all those who were killed and "liquidate the remains of the accident."

Announcements of Soviet accidents invariably refer to aid being given to the injured as well, and the omission from the statement suggested that all those on board the ship had been killed.

Transport accidents are rarely reported and the news of the wreck indicated a major shipping accident may have taken the lives of foreign passengers or high-level Soviet officials.

'Cats' snatches seven prizes

NEW YORK (AP). — As expected, *Cats*, the English-made musical based on the late T.S. Eliot's feline poetry, took seven awards Sunday night at the 37th annual Tony awards show, including best musical.

Two of its Tonys went to Eliot, who died in 1965. His widow accepted his awards for the season's best book and best score. The latter was shared with Andrew Lloyd Webber, the musical's composer. Webber, a previous Tony-winner, adapted Eliot's work for the show.

The evening's surprise winner was *Torch Song Trilogy*, a four-hour comedy about a homosexual who impersonates a female entertainer. It was named the season's best play.

Harvey Fierstein, the show's star and author, also won a Tony as the season's best actor. He was all smiles as he described his play as a show that "we could not give a ticket away" to when it was struggling to survive off-Broadway. It now is a Broadway hit.

Jessica Tandy, who turns 74 today, got an early birthday present — a best-actress award, the third Tony of her long stage career, as the co-star of a play about Appalachian Hill folk, *Foxfire*, which has closed.



T.S. Eliot

In the musical field, the strongest competitor of *Cats* was *My One and Only*, whose star, Tommy Tune, won the third and fourth Tonys of his career — as best actor in a musical, and as best choreographer — with Thelma Walsh — for his show.

Nicaragua expels three American diplomats

MANAGUA (Reuters). — Nicaragua said yesterday it was expelling three American diplomats whom it accused of plotting to destabilize the leftist Sandinista government by methods including assassination of top officials.

A Foreign Ministry communiqué, published in yesterday's official Sandinista party newspaper *Baricada*, said the three American diplomats "without a doubt... were developing a growing activity aimed at destabilizing the Nicaraguan government."

The diplomats were identified as political counsellor Linda Pfeiffer, first secretary David Noble Grieg and second secretary Emilia Loreta Rodriguez.

"Among the criminal actions they were planning was that of organizing assassination attempts against the life of Sandinista leaders and top Nicaraguan government officials," said the statement in *Baricada*.

The communiqué, dated June 5

and addressed to U.S. Ambassador Anthony Quainton, gave the diplomats 24 hours to leave Managua.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman here said the accusations were preposterous.

The spokesman confirmed that the embassy had received a Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry order for the three diplomats to leave the country but declined to comment on whether they had already gone.

The government radio earlier yesterday reported renewed heavy fighting between right-wing rebels and Nicaraguan troops.

The Voice of Nicaragua broadcasting station said 600 Honduran-based guerrillas backed by covering fire from Honduran artillery engaged Nicaraguan troops 1.5 kilometres inside Nicaragua's Nueva Segovia border province.

The radio said it was the biggest rebel attack in two weeks.

2 Soviet Jews and 7 Poles on hunger strike in Denmark

COPENHAGEN (AP). — Alexander Reznitsky, a Russian Jew, entered the 18th day of a hunger strike outside the Soviet Embassy yesterday, trying to force the Kremlin to let his 70-year-old mother leave Moscow to join him in the West.

About a kilometre away, on lawn chairs shaded by beech trees surrounding Denmark's World War II Resistance Museum, seven Polish refugees were huddled in blankets and sleeping bags in a separate hunger strike in hopes of seeing their wives and children in Denmark.

15th anniversary of slaying of Robert Kennedy

LOS ANGELES (AP). — The 15th anniversary of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination passed quietly on Sunday with no special ceremonies at the Ambassador Hotel, where the killing took place.

"There is nothing going on at the hotel" to mark the tragedy, said the Ambassador's assistant duty manager, James Ames.

Sirhan, the 39-year-old Jordanian immigrant who was convicted of the Democratic Party Senator's murder, spent a "routine" day at Soledad State Prison in Monterey County. He is to appear before a parole board on June 15 as a bid to get a new parole date.

Sirhan was originally sentenced to death for the Kennedy slaying, but the sentence was commuted to life with possibility of parole when the California Supreme Court abolished the death penalty in 1972.

A companion, 37-year-old Michail Rybaltov, remains at Reznitsky's side though doctors ordered him to stop fasting on June 2 because his blood pressure was dangerously low from 14 days without food.

Like Reznitsky, Rybaltov is a Jew who was allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1981. He too wants to be reunited in the West with his parents, who also live in Moscow.

The Poles, all of whom defected, started hunger striking on June 1 in a park that is a major tourist thoroughfare 100 metres from the Poland-Denmark ferry landing.

In an unusual move, the Danish Justice Ministry already granted residence and work visas to their families, despite their lack of permission to leave Poland.

"We will strike as long as it takes to see our families again. We are all agreed to continue, even if we have to do it in hospital beds," said Marian Matulewicz, who in 1982 was granted political asylum in Denmark while visiting relatives.

Wladyslaw Augustynowicz said his wife and two children have been refused exit visas by Polish authorities six times since he defected two years ago as a crewman aboard one of the ferries.

Oman Gula, a consul at the Polish Embassy, said "It's not my job nor in my power to solve their problem. It's up to the proper authorities in Warsaw — I told them that a month ago."

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK poll shows majority favour Common Market

LONDON (AP). — In a reversal of public opinion, a majority of Britons said they wanted to remain in the European Common Market, a Gallup poll said yesterday.

The poll, taken May 25-30 and published in the *Daily Telegraph*, said 53 per cent of a sample 918 voters want Britain to stay in the 10-nation trading alliance.

The result showed 35 per cent in favour of withdrawal, 8 per cent don't know and 4 per cent who would not vote either way.

A Gallup poll last November said 54 per cent wanted Britain out of the community.

Continued UK membership in the EEC is one of the hotly debated issues in the campaign for this Thursday's general election. The Labour Party platform calls for withdrawal from the EEC, while the Conservatives and the Social Democrats are for maintaining membership.

Two right-wing extremists executed in Turkey

ANKARA (Reuters). — Two Turkish right-wing extremists convicted of murdering four left-wingers during factional strife in 1979, have been executed in Izmir, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said yesterday.

The two men were hanged in Buca Prison early Sunday, bringing to 46 the number of executions in Turkey since capital punishment was brought back after the military coup in September 1980.

India gets equipment to assemble Soviet jets

NEW DELHI (AP). — A large shipment of sophisticated machinery and equipment necessary to manufacture Soviet-made MiG-27 jet fighters has arrived in India to be assembled here, the United News of India reported yesterday.

UNI said the machinery is being installed in the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited at Nasik, western India, where eventual indigenous production of the MiG-27 would take place.

The news agency described the shipment as "tooling, sophisticated machinery and equipment."

UK business newspaper silent for fifth day

LONDON (AP). — The *Financial Times*, Britain's business daily, again failed to publish yesterday because of a pay dispute in its press room.

It was the fifth straight issue lost since members of the National Graphical Association stopped work last Tuesday after failing in a demand for extra payments for 24 machine-minders.

The newspaper's European Continental edition printed in Frankfurt was lost for two days because of sympathy action by composing room workers.

Two days of talks to try to resolve the dispute broke down Sunday night, said managing director Alan Cox.

Basque guerrillas free Columbus' descendant

MADRID (Reuters). — A Spanish aristocrat kidnapped 73 days ago by Basque guerrillas was released safe and well early yesterday on the outskirts of Madrid, police said.

Diego Prado Y Colon de Carvajal, 53, a descendant of the explorer Christopher Columbus, waved down a car in the Madrid suburb of Colada shortly after midnight and asked to be taken to a nearby police station, they said.

He was kidnapped from his Madrid flat on March 26, and the Basque separatist movement ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) later claimed responsibility.

He declined to comment on whether his family had paid a ransom for his release. "First I must speak to the government," he said.

Abducted workers trapped in Tigray by flooded river

KHARTOUM (Reuters). — A group of foreign relief workers released by Tigray guerrillas in Ethiopia, could not cross into Sudan, yesterday because they were trapped behind a rain-swollen border river, relief officials said.

Wendy Riches, director of the public relations office of Britain's Save The Children Fund, said torrential rain and floods had delayed the workers' crossing from Tigray province.

The team of four Britons, two Irish nurses, two Italian nuns, an American priest and an Indian, escorted by members of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), had been due to arrive in the eastern town of Kassala on Sunday.

The TPLF, fighting for Tigray's independence from Ethiopia, seized the workers on April 21, but later said they were guests of the movement, taken to see the effects of a

long drought on the province.

Asked whether the delay had raised doubts over whether the TPLF had gone back on its decision to free them, Riches said: "This is very unlikely. It is our understanding the TPLF has not gone back on their word. The delay is due to rain."

Asked whether relief officials were worried about the safety of their colleagues, Riches said: "We have never been worried about their safety because the TPLF pledged to keep them safe and we do believe them. We feel however very frustrated by the delay. Families are extremely anxious."

She added that fund officials in Khartoum were in radio contact with Kassala, where the fund's overseas director, Hugh Mackey, has been waiting for the group since Saturday.

Top Polish film director quits guild

WARSAW (AP). — Poland's best-known film director, Andrzej Wajda, said yesterday he had resigned as president of the Polish Filmmakers Association in a bid to convince the authorities to reinstate the guild, suspended with the martial law declaration of December 1981.

Wajda, who won the 1981 Cannes Film Festival award for his *Man of Iron*, about the independent Solidarity trade union, said he resigned along with the rest of the association's executive board at a meeting on Sunday.

"The whole thing is in limbo now," said Wajda. "We just have to wait for the authorities to react to our proposal."

In his resignation letter, addressed to Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, Wajda urged the government to reinstate the association

and allow it to hold a congress by the end of November. The congress would elect a new executive board.

Wajda, who plans to leave Warsaw tomorrow to continue work on a film in West Berlin, was removed at the beginning of May from his post as head of the Polish film unit, Studio X. Polish authorities charged that the group had made too many "anti-state" films under his leadership.

The Filmmakers Association, which backed the outlawed Solidarity union, is one of three creative guilds suspended with the military crackdown which have not been reinstated. Other unions suspended in the crackdown have either been revived or replaced with organizations more favourable to the government.

Sports

Israeli triumph

Post Sports Reporter
There were scenes of wild enthusiasm from the small band of Israeli supporters as Israel's national volleyball team for the handicapped yesterday reclaimed their world title in the eight-man final in Deiden, Holland.

The Israelis turned in a sparkling performance as they battled out a titanic finish with West Germany, winning the final by the narrowest of margins 3-2 with the game scores also desperately close — 15-8, 13-15, 15-12, 14-16, 16-14.

This is the third world title for the team composed of war veterans from Tel Aviv's Bet Haolam.

Squash champ lambasted

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — Unseeded Barry Zimmerman, 24, a new immigrant from South Africa, upset title-holder and No. 1 seed Neville Berman 3-0 (9-7, 9-2, 9-3) in the men's final of the seventh annual Israel National Squash rackets championships contested over the weekend at the Kfar Hamaccabiah courts here. Nearly 100 players — half of them Sabras — took part.

Zimmerman, who is studying Hebrew at Kibbutz Sdot Yam, played a tight, steady game against Berman, letting his 36-year-old opponent make the errors in a scintillating contest. Berman is better known in another capacity having been one of South Africa's leading field hockey players for a decade. He is now a leading coach with the fledgling Israel Hockey Association.

In the semi-finals, Zimmerman was taken out the way by No. 7 seed Hilly Elich, as he came from behind to squeeze home 9-10, 9-4, 9-4, 9-4 in a 75-minute marathon. Berman had no such problems, getting past fourth-seeded Trevor Schreger 3-0. Elich was involved in another bad royal in the match for third place, this time coming out on top with a 9-4, 9-4, 1-9, 9-5, 9-5 success against Schreger. Avi Zarech and Gad Muravitz won the two place competitions.

There were no surprises in the women's event, with top-seeded Nadine Kramer, 21, retaining her title in style by virtue of a 3-0 last-round victory over second-seeded Leora Josman, 17. Clair Levine beat Christine Deas in the playoff for third place.

Great decathlon battle rages on

BERNHARDSEN, W. Germany (Reuters). — West German athlete Jürgen Hingsen has recaptured the world decathlon record he held for just three weeks last year with a total of 8,777 points. Hingsen beat the previous record, achieved by his arch-rival Daley Thompson of Britain, by 34 points.

The 25-year-old West German had beaten an earlier Thompson world record in ULM last August by 16 points but the Briton snatched it back just three weeks later with a comprehensive victory over Hingsen in the European championships in Athens.

The record-breaking decathlon went as follows: First day, 100 metres — 16.92 sec; long jump — 7.74m; shot — 15.94m; high jump — 2.15 m; 400 metres — 47.90 sec. Second day, 110 metres hurdles — 14.11 sec; discus — 46.80m; pole vault — 3.97m; javelin — 77.20m; 1,500 metres — 4:49 min; 100 metres — 1:27.80 sec.

The powerful 2m, tall German athlete sounded a future warning to his rival. "I was only trying to qualify — it won't be serious until Helsinki (where this year's world track and field contest will be held in August). It was really just a test, only wanted to see where I stand."

Baseball poser — is cheating worthwhile

NEW YORK (AP). — Milwaukee catcher Ted Simmons cheats. He admits it. He also admits he's caught at it. But he made up for it in a most unusual way — with his big Simmons' base running in the seventh inning cost his team a run. But he got that one back — and the game-winner as well — with a homer in the bottom of the ninth that boosted the Brewers to a 5-1 victory over the California Angels Sunday's American baseball.

"If we had lost this game, I would have been in a big-league money lead-footed Simmons' mind tells me what to do, but sometimes my legs try to do something they can't."

In the seventh inning, Simmons double off California's lead to 4-3. He reached third one groundout to short when Tim Lincecum threw, and Simmons was called out.

"There is no little time in between. They usually give you two feet. I cheated three feet. The Brewers' catcher admitted, 'It was a mistake to do because you always have to cheat. They give you that — but I cheated a little bit and they called me out. I don't deny that. I started early.' Simmons said, 'It was good because, if it turned out bad.' The evening, however, turned out well enough for him."

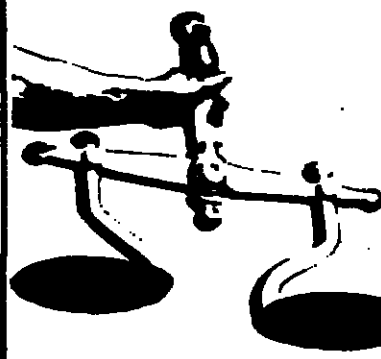
AMERICAN LEAGUE. — Kansas City 7, Chicago 5 and 2-5 in the return; Oakland 3, Cleveland 3 and 3-2; Seattle 8, New York 3; Toronto 5, Baltimore 2; Minnesota 10, Detroit 5; Milwaukee 5, California 4; Detroit 5, Texas 4 (10 innings).

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — St. Louis 8, Atlanta 3; Houston 6, Cincinnati 3; Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 1; New York 4, Los Angeles 2; Philadelphia 3, San Diego 1; Montreal 12, San Francisco 9.

DETROIT (Reuters). — Michele Alboreto of Italy scored what he called a "surprise" victory in the Detroit Grand Prix after a puncture blew out Nelson Piquet of Brazil the lead with less than 10 laps remaining.

Alboreto drove his Concorde-powered Tyrrell to his second Formula One victory and cars with similar well-proven engines beat the underdoged legends to the next two places. World Champion Keke Rosberg of Finland, in a Williams, and John Watson of Britain, in a McLaren, followed Alboreto over the finish line.

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Overheard history

IT IS August 10, 1982, and a dialogue, partly in Arabic, partly in French, is in progress in a newspaper-and-tobacco shop in East Beirut, a shop whose plate-glass windows are shielded by sand-bags.

"Why do you let food in?" The Maronite girl behind the counter asks.

"What do you mean?" says the Israeli reservist-soldier, who is in the construction business in Tel Aviv.

"The Red Cross took food in to them through the port a few weeks ago. Five truckloads. You allowed it."

"That was for the babies and sick people," says the reservist-soldier-contractor, whose parents came from Tunis. His Arabic is quite good — he began picking it up from his West Bank workers and later took a cassette course.

"The babies and sick people didn't get the food," says the Maronite girl. "Don't you know it's the destroyers who got it? They've got the guns, so they got it."

"I'm not certain about that."

"Believe me, we know them better than you do. Dirty Palestinians with their dirty tunnels everywhere."

"Shouldn't we let any food in?"

"Do you think the destroyers would let any in if it was the other way round?"

"We're not destroyers."

THE GIRL smiles and shakes her head.

"You're too nice to them, mon-sieur. You should go in and finish the job. You should've gone in right away when you got to Beirut. You stop and start and you can't make up your minds. Why don't you just go in?"

"But Habib says they're ready to leave. He says they've agreed in writing."

"Do you think a Palestinian's signature is worth anything?"

The Israeli shrugs.

"If you think it is, you'll soon learn different," the girl tells him.

"Why don't you save time and just go in?"

"Why don't you?"

"We've been fighting for seven years."

He gives her a long look.

"We lost a lot of men taking the museum, you know."

"I do know — it was terrible."

By A.E. NORDEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WAR IN LEBANON: A YEAR AFTER

Then why don't you bomb them? You've got enough planes and tanks."

"That would be the end of Beirut."

"No it wouldn't."

"You want us to destroy your city?"

"Don't worry. Destroy the Palestinians, and we'll rebuild it."

"The Christians will?"

"All the Lebanese together. Just destroy the Palestinians."

"We'll either get the destroyers out or destroy them, but we won't destroy the Palestinians. They'll still be here afterwards."

"Then the war will have been for nothing."

"You want us to destroy them all?"

"Someone has to do it. Either that or, as you say, they have to leave. Not one Palestinian can remain in Lebanon."

"Why not?"

"They're a sickness, a cancer."

"But where will they all go?"

"Let them go to their Arab brothers. To Syria, to Iraq. Let them go to Gaddafi, who loves them."

"No one wants to take them."

"That's right."

"Couldn't some of them stay in Lebanon?"

"No."

"They need a home. There won't be peace until they have one."

"But not here. Not in my country!"

"IT'S A PROBLEM," the Israeli admits.

"Don't you think it will be solved?" the girl asks.

"Not soon."

"Not in a month?"

"No."

LIVING WITH GRIEF

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Why do our boys have to die today in alien territory, not in pursuit of terrorists, but as victims of ambushes, landmines, misadventurous bullets and the general internal strife in Lebanon?

Zvi Ginzburg, together with the parents committee of the Petah Tikva Scouts, has launched a campaign for a building complex in memory of Rami and other former Petah Tikva Scouts killed in Lebanon. Zvi Ginzburg contributed what would have been Rami's inheritance.

SEATED with her legs curled up on the bright, floral-patterned couch in her living room in Jerusalem's Beit Hakerem, Vivian Landau nurses a cup of milk, as much for something to hold on to, as well as for something to drink. She seems to understand that this interview is as difficult for the journalist as it is for her and smiles to set her visitor at ease. But the smile fails to light up her large, expressive eyes. We are talking the day after what would have been the 24th birthday of her son Yair.

After Yair was born, Vivian Landau had another child who was born with a heart defect and died. Unable to handle the emotional shock, she numbed herself with tranquilizers and took to bed for days. Slowly, she came out of the fog, remembering that she had a responsibility to two young sons.

Another baby followed, who entered a coma while she was in hospital after the birth. A nurse told her to be grateful that at least she had other children. The baby was saved. That comment, however kindly it was meant, seemed callous to Vivian. Each child, to its mother, is a world unto itself, not to be

replaced by any other. Nonetheless, she admits, "I would have been devastated without my other children. It was more for them than for myself that I got everyone mobilized after Yair's shiva. If I fell down, what would they do?"

The hardest part in coming to terms with Yair's death is when someone asks her how many children she has. "I can't get used to saying I have five children when I used to have six."

Yair's father Julian, interviewed later in his office, confesses that he never answers a question like that in the present tense. He always says, "I had six children."

The Landau family came to Israel from America 14 years ago. There are no regrets, no self-flagellation that had they not come, Yair might still be alive. An observant and fiercely Zionist family, the Landaus have accepted their tragedy as something divinely decreed. It doesn't take away the pain, but it leaves no room for bitterness.

Because of Yair's death, the other Landau sons are exempt from serving in combat units, but should they choose to serve on the front line, neither parent would attempt to change that decision.

SOME MONTHS after Yair's death, the Defense Ministry offered the Landaus a trip to Lebanon along the route that Yair's unit had followed. For two nights before the journey, Vivian had fearful nightmares. She didn't want to go. But in the end, she mustered her courage and travelled north.

"We went step by step until we reached the place where Yair's tank

"Not in a year?"

"I don't know."

"You know what I think?"

"What?"

"I think you Israelis may be like the Syrians."

"I don't understand."

"The Syrians came in to make peace, so they said, and they ended up occupying us."

"We won't occupy Lebanon."

"Will you swear to God that you won't?" The girl pushes a notepad and a pen towards the soldier. "Will you swear and sign your name?"

"There's no need. If I tell you something, you can believe it."

"So you'll go home, you and your army?"

"We'll go home. Aren't we welcome here?"

"You're most welcome. We waited for you so long. Finish with the Palestinians and the Syrians, and then come back to Beirut without your guns. Beirut is a beautiful place when there's peace."

"Do you remember peace?"

"I try not to forget it."

"And will you come to Tel Aviv?"

"Am I welcome?"

"You are most welcome," says the Israeli.



View of Beirut, August 1982

believe that we have the strength to withstand the pressure that has been brought, and will be brought, to give up the fruits of military victory, but I believe that the war in Lebanon was forced upon us, as was every other war we fought in.

Basically, it is another battle in the continuing Arab war against Israel. I am as upset, or even more upset, than any other person, regardless of political beliefs, by the continuing deaths in Lebanon. But this is part of the price we have to pay to maintain our security, independence and freedom from fear of attack. I want our boys to come home, but at the moment, we can't just pack up and leave. We must stay until we get what we want."

Although he understands what motivates the demonstrators, he is concerned about the weakening of Israel's position from an outside point of view. "It is hard to tell a mother who has lost a son or is afraid of losing a son that she should put national feelings above love for her children. Nobody asked me if I was willing for Yair to be killed for whatever goals would be served. If somebody had, the answer would be very clear, so to criticize such people would be difficult, as much as I

disagree with their position."

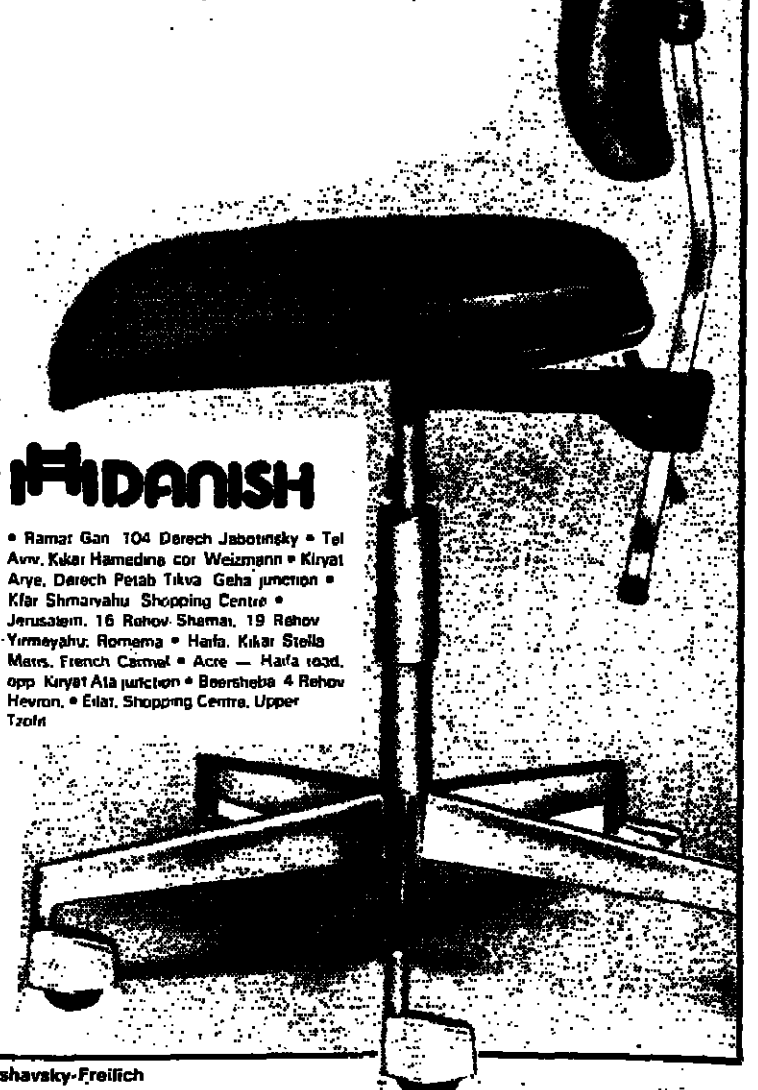
Yair was a student at Yeshivat Hakotel, where a memorial evening for him was held last week. Before anyone began to talk, Vivian requested that they speak with candour. "We have learned not to eulogize Yair. He was a human being." Gradually his fellow students spoke, dwelling on serious and humorous memories, filling in gaps in his family's knowledge of him. To his parents, every new scrap of information is precious. Yair loved to give presents, so on his birthday this year, Vivian gave presents to all her children.

Julian is working with his other sons to put out a book in Yair's memory on *Kiddush Hashem* (martyrdom) in terms of Israel and its army. He has also been involved in two other projects. Keren Yair Landau was established for the purpose of housing a library at the Israel centre of the National Council of Synagogue Youth and the Union of Orthodox Synagogues. The dedication ceremony will be on June 14. There is also a small park near Binyanei Ha'uma, established through the Jerusalem Foundation, that will be known as Gan Yair. It will be dedicated on June 20.

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BAR KOCHBA—BRATISLAVA

By FRED RAPHAELI

FIFTY YEARS AGO, a true bastion of democracy existed in the heart of Europe: Czechoslovakia. Thomas G. Masaryk, its first president and adored father-figure, was known for beliefs in justice. His countrymen lived in peace and prosperity.

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, was then a small town, rich in medieval flavour, lying on the banks of the Danube.

In the early Thirties, Bratislava had some 120,000 inhabitants, including a small, prosperous community of about 5,000 Jewish families. Near the north end of the medieval Jewish Ghetto was the Great Synagogue, and next to it the famous Pressburg Yeshiva. At the southern end, near the Dome was the Neologon Temple.

Scattered about the town were a few smaller synagogues. In three Jewish elementary schools, pupils were taught only by Jewish teachers. A modern Jewish hospital served the congregation and the town had even a Jewish vice-mayor.

There were many Zionist activities and a Maccabi Sports Club. Around 1930, a Jewish swimming club was set up and named Bar Kochba. It strived to disprove the thesis that Jews were physically inferior. By proving their ability in competition, young Jews could be a source of pride for the whole community. At the time there were two gentle swim clubs. The S.P.K. drew its members from the Slovak-speaking youth, while the P.T.E.'s members were mainly Hungarian and German-speaking. Before the B.K.B. (Bar Kochba-Bratislava) came into being, hegemony in the pool swung between the two non-Jewish clubs. The first year we Jewish youth, in blue suits with a white Star of David, attended the hard-fought swim meets, we were a laughing stock, but we had the last laugh.

THE B.K.B. was a well-organized club and would be envied even today by any Israeli swimming club. It had a membership of 150 to 200 swimmers, of both sexes, aged between 12 and 30. Its activities pivoted around the two existing pools in town. The enclosed one,

called the *Grossling-Bad*, had a 25-meter pool, plus a sauna, and was used throughout the year. During summer, training took place at the Lido, which had an open 33.3 meter piscina.

Three times a week — Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays — between seven and nine in the evening the Grossling-Bad was reserved for our training. At the centre of our activity was a young, blond, Apollo-like physician, Dr. Paul Steiner. Paul was not only Czech champion in 100 m. and 200 m. freestyle and member of the Czech National Waterpolo team, but he was also counted among the elite of European swimmers.

At the 1934 Maccabia, he won first prize in the above events in the Bat-Galim pool in Haifa. He died in that pool after suffering a heart attack. Ironically, he had been attending a congress of cardiologists.

After years of intensive training, a nucleus of 40 swimmers crystallized to become the flagbearer of the club. They put in tremendous efforts, swimming a few kilometres daily. They were closely followed by the hawkish eyes of Dr. Steiner, who would walk along the edge of the pool and shout provocative comments through a megaphone, trying to improve the performance of his disciples.

A special group of doctors, headed by Dr. Frank Schmelz, supervised the nutritional intake of the swimmers. He would phone their mothers and instruct them on the amount of dextrose they should mix into the morning cocoa of their children.

The various age groups became closely knit. We met daily, in and out of the pool. In winter, we went skiing, but other sports were forbidden, in order to keep the muscles flexible. Sundays, when the weather made sport impossible, we would walk down the Corso, whistling the opening bars of "Into the battle" from *Alfa*. Heads would turn, and in no time, dozens of tall, broad-shouldered youth would be talking and laughing together. All would

imitate the swing-like walk of their adored idol, Dr. Steiner.

THE EMPTY cupboards in the clubroom began to receive their first trophies. Competition after competition brought more and more first prizes to B.K.B. members. Joy and laughter dominated the B.K.B. benches, as the S.P.K. and P.T.E. swimmers looked on glumly, as title after title was snatched by their Jewish competitors. The waterpolo team made good progress. Their battle cry, "Hi-Ho-Ha Bar Kochba," instilled fear in opponents. It was said that circumcision seemed an absolute must for good waterpolo players.

Another two Jewish swimming clubs existed in Czechoslovakia, Hagibor in Prague and another Bar Kochba in Brno. These two had already established a tradition and succeeded in making an impact on the national swimming scene. The national swimming and waterpolo teams had many Jewish members, who won and established many Czech swim records. When the 1936 Olympic Games were held in Berlin, the Jewish clubs banned their members from participating. The Czechoslovak authorities then barred the club from competition for one year. We regarded this a very small penalty for safeguarding Jewish honour and pride.

During the next three years that the club continued to exist, B.K.B. not only dominated the Czech swimming scene, but also became well known and admired in Central Europe.

After Hitler marched into Prague in 1939, and Slovakia became an "independent" state under Father Tiso, most club members emigrated, going to all parts of the globe. Only a few reached Palestine.

To commemorate B.K.B.'s 50th anniversary, former members will meet this June in Gloggnitz, Austria to hold what may be their last "swim meet." Attempts to hold it in Israel could not be realized, since Czech authorities would not permit Czech ex-members to come here.

Bar Kochba — Bratislava contributed a proud chapter to the annals of Jewish sport. Decades ago, it proved that young Jews could hold their own in sports and achieve brilliance under the Star of David.

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El Al's transatlantic recovery

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK. — El Al will next week double the number of its weekly transatlantic flights. This decision reflects the airline's recovery from its months-long grounding due to strike and the general increase in American tourism to Israel.

There will be 13 to 14 flights a week, compared to the present six to seven.

The national carrier will also operate special flights. Next Wednesday it will operate an unprecedented non-stop flight from Miami to Tel Aviv. Usually El Al carries passengers in a chartered Boeing 737 from Miami to Montreal, where people board the El Al jumbo for the transatlantic flight. However, it was decided to operate the direct flight when more than 450 people booked passage on it.

In an interview at his office here, Baruch Lilo, the airline's deputy-general manager for marketing in North and Central America, said El Al's recovery had been quicker than anticipated.

He said that during the grounding competitors had tried to win over El Al customers. TWA, KLM, Olympic Airways and Metro International had offered travel agents inducements higher than those El Al could offer, he maintained.

When the national carrier

resumed services, it countered by offering for a limited period round-trip fares from New York for \$499. "We told travellers that if their agent claimed El Al was fully booked — they should go to another agent or call us directly," Lilo said.

Traffic is now so heavy that this reporter, who sought a reservation for a flight four days before it was scheduled, was told all seats had been taken. Only one seat was left on another flight leaving five days later.

Lilo said the planes were 92.5 per cent full in May — an El Al record for that time of the year. It was difficult, however, to estimate how much money the airline actually made. The \$499 flights from New York and the \$1,000 covered for couples from Tel Aviv covered operational costs, such as fuel, but not fixed costs such as salaries, Lilo maintained. He said operational costs per flight run up to \$160,000. He estimated that indirect costs raised the outlay to \$250,000.

Lilo maintained that in order to fill up planes within a short time, El Al had to offer bargain fares. It did not lose by adopting this policy, because the planes would have flown in any case.

Lilo said that by now the average transatlantic fare is \$850, since the reduced fares are no longer available. The present gross revenue leaves the line with a \$100,

000 profit per flight, according to these figures.

Foreign airlines have also increased their flights to Israel. TWA now has two flights a day, instead of one, and next Sunday Metro International will increase its flights from two to three a week, the airlines reported.

TWA's director for public affairs, David Venz, told *The Jerusalem Post* there had been a general increase in the number of transatlantic passengers as the U.S. economy improved, the dollar became stronger and people felt more secure about their jobs.

Geoffrey Weill, a director at the Israel Government Tourist Office here, said he expected some 300,000 Americans to go to Israel by the end of the year, compared with 270,000 last year. People who stayed away last year because of the war in Lebanon are now planning to visit Israel, Lilo said.

According to the El Al official, Olympic Airways is also trying to grab a piece of the action. To compete with Arista, which operates charter flights from the U.S. to Greece, Olympic has sometimes lowered its fares. Thus a flight on Olympic to Israel could cost some \$700, compared with about \$900 on El Al.

Airlines oppose doubling of travel tax

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Doubling the travel tax and thus curtailing the wanderlust of Israelis will boomerang and damage incoming tourism as well, the Panel of Regular Airlines in Israel said Sunday.

The panel was commenting on a report in *The Jerusalem Post* about a demand by the Hotel Owners Association that the government raise the travel tax to \$100. "Tourism is a two-way street. Curbing outgoing tourism will in turn curb incoming tourism and the first to be hurt will be the hotels," the panel spokesman said.

As for the hoteliers' proposal to spend the additional tax money on the promotion of tourism to Israel, the panel spokesman said that the airlines promote the country in hundreds of ways abroad.



The 1984 model of the command car produced by the Automotive Industries in Upper Nazareth is shown being put through its paces. Improved ability to maneuver in rough terrain is only one of the many new features of the model. (Hananiya Herman)

Unemployment down for first quarter

Post Economic Reporter

Unemployment decreased in the first quarter of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

Figures released by the bureau show the number of unemployed in January-March 1983 was 61,000 as compared to 68,000 in the October-December 1982 period.

The percentage of unemployment

during the first three months of the year was 4.6 per cent, taking seasonal factors into account. At the end of 1982 it was 4.7 per cent, while during the first quarter of 1982 the rate was 5.4 per cent.

Unemployment is higher among women in the labour force, with 5.4 per cent of women unemployed during the first quarter of the year. For men the rate was 4.0 per cent.

Diamond exports up 10.7% since January

Post Economic Reporter

Israel's diamond exports increased by 10.7 per cent during the January-May period, it was announced here yesterday.

Exports increased from \$383 million in the January-May 1982 period to \$424.3 m. during the same period this year.

Officials at the Industry Ministry pointed out that exports last month remained stable. May exports were \$80.9m, compared to \$80.3m. in May 1982.

The higher exports have already resulted in a demand for more manpower in the industry, officials say.

AWARDS. — The Haifa Labour Council last night awarded four Abba Khoushy stipends to young university researchers studying labour problems. Khoushy was a former Haifa mayor.

Dolphinarium to reopen

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — After a wave of labour problems, a complaint by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and a change in ownership, the Dolphinarium is getting back to normal and will reopen soon.

Owner Zvi Ephron told *The Jerusalem Post* the Dolphinarium will have some shows this week and a full programme from July 1. He recently bought out his South African partners and is now the sole owner of the marine entertainment centre on the seashore near Yaffo.

Most of the trainers who resigned in early May are back at work, and the dolphins and sea lions are receiving proper care, according to a Dolphinarium employee.

The employee, who asked that his name not be used, had resigned because of conflicts with management and to protest plans for activities that the staff believed would harm the animals.

There were reports last month that Ephron planned to build a discotheque over the pool, a move that would have harmed the animals, who are sensitive to noise. Ephron denied the reports, but told *The Post* he would "change the concept" of the Dolphinarium by turning it into an entertainment centre.

After the staff's exodus, the animals were neglected, and the SPCA threatened to file a complaint. Following publication of the story, the management asked the staff to return, the employee said. Most of the workers agreed to go back to work immediately.

Hapayis will lend IS3.1b. this year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The state lottery Mifal Hapayis plans this year to help local authorities by granting them low-interest loans worth IS3.1 billion, an increase of 136 per cent over last year. This aid will go for the construction of sports and educational facilities.

The board chairman of Mifal

Hapayis, Gideon Gadot, told the press here this week that thanks to this aid, there will be no need for second shift or afternoon classes in schools. This is because Mifal Hapayis has helped with the building of new classrooms.

Gadot also said that the programme of selling lottery subscriptions through the banks has been a great success. There are already over 110,000 subscribers and that number is expected to rise to 150,000.

In answer to a question, Gadot promised that by the end of this year, the lottery will finally issue new tenders for regional distributors. It is planned to whittle down the number of regional distributors. At present there are 15 distributors and they have for years opposed the opening of new tenders.

Shikun Uftuah raises goal 50 per cent

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

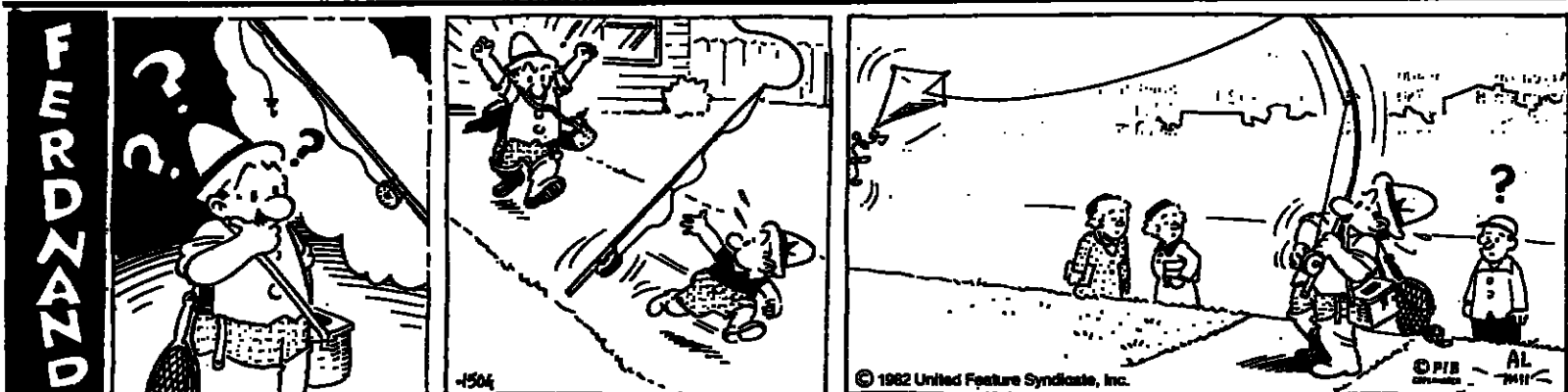
HAIFA. — The country's building contractors should launch a "controlled acceleration" of housing starts now, since otherwise a shortage may develop, the chairman of the government-owned Shikun Uftuah construction company, Yehoshua Matza, said on Sunday.

He told reporters that his company's sales in May had shot up to double the monthly average of 1982. As a result the firm has decided to raise its goal for this year by 50 per cent, to 1,800 apartments. Matza said that May sales had been brisk for all contractors, and since reserves were not high, the industry should accelerate its activities.

Shikun Uftuah is now inspecting

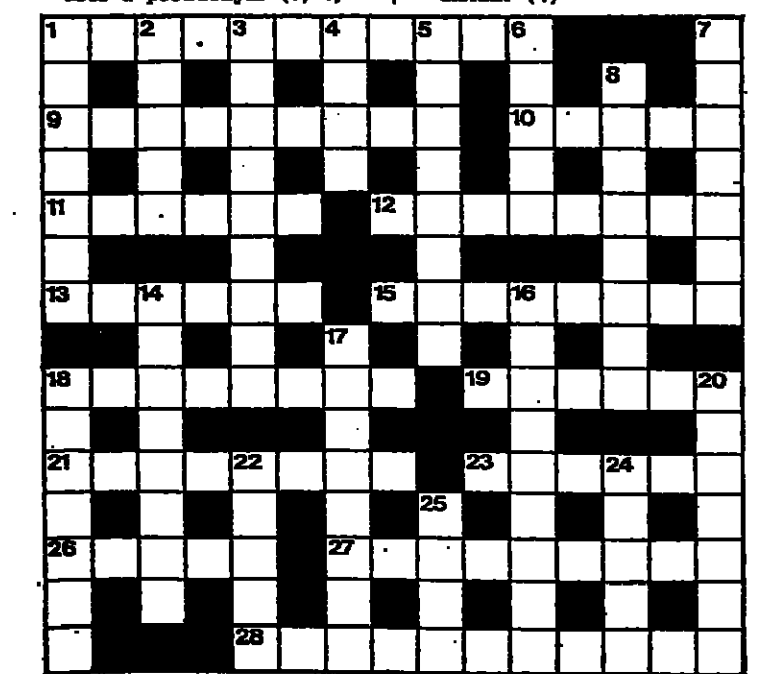
several West Bank sites as the possible location of an urban settlement. The company is now building in Kiryat Arba and Ma'aleh Adumim near Jerusalem and starting the commercial centre at Ariel, which will also include 60 apartments.

Matza and the local director of the company, Benny Latris, unveiled plans for a big building effort in the Haifa area this year. At a cost of several billion shekels, these plans include a new 150-apartment neighbourhood, a shopping centre with 108 adjoining flats and a 10-dunam park in the Yisraeliyya quarter. Also planned are a shopping centre and 108 flats in the Sha'ar HaAliya quarter, 215 new apartments in Haifa, Kiryat Yam and Nahariya and 22 shops in the Ma'alot shopping centre.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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|---|--|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Not at all, and I mean, all 1 (5, 1, 3, 2, 2) | 1 Train brothers to chant; it can make people feel better (7) |
| 9 Rolled up when the VIPs had gone? (3, 6) | 2 Diets adapted for seasons (5) |
| 10 White-collar urbanity holds back from the country (5) | 3 Innocent lamb mutilated — pointless (8) |
| 11 Springs from the publishing house? (6) | 4 Ends of cues (4) |
| 12 Much improved by recreation (8) | 5 Rounded up the figure? (8) |
| 13 A little contrivance deftly tagged (6) | 6 Roots out somebody's trunk (5) |
| 14 Make some progress without falling out (3, 5) | 7 Soggy grounding around, awfully dull look-out for Oxbridge (7) |
| 15 Barring blotchy skin results from kitchen chore (8) | 8 Tell the prince your name, flower! (8) |
| 16 Make a heap from a multiple crash (4-2) | 14 A writer's address to a group of businessmen (4, 4) |
| 17 Easy work with a bulldozer (8) | 15 A fifty-year-old, able to think quickly (5, 4) |
| 18 Persons prepared to quietly elope (6) | 17 The players won't get away with such triumphs (4, 4) |
| 19 Stuffing a hollow formality (5) | 18 ... but have high expectations, apparently (7) |
| 20 Where to seek preservation from such a plight? (2, 1, 6) | 20 Go before President and then go back again (7) |
| 21 Harassed Madame "N" uses a pseudonym (7, 4) | 22 This play scored (5) |
| | 24 This, sabih, is the gentleman (5) |
| | 25 Giles's place is over mile distant (4) |



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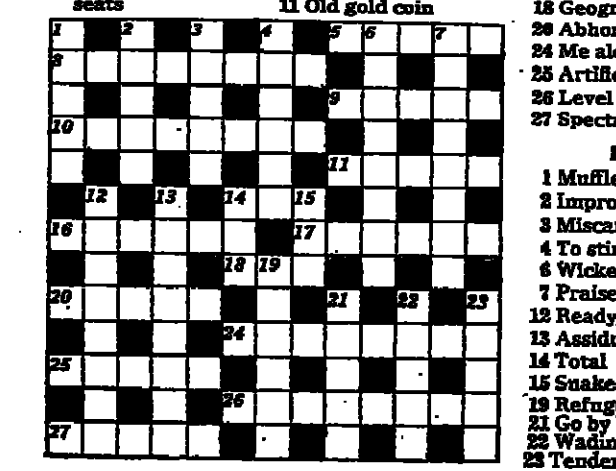
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QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 8 A retort (4,4)
 - 9 Simple organism causing disease
 - 10 Hold back
 - 11 Old gold coin
 - 14 Mineral spring
 - 15 Fancy cake
 - 16 High-backed bench
 - 17 To irritate
 - 24 Absorbance
 - 25 Alone (2,6)
 - 26 Artificial silk
 - 26 Level mechanically
 - 27 Spectre
- DOWN**
- 1 Muffler
 - 2 Improperly
 - 3 Miscarriage
 - 4 To irritate
 - 5 Wickedness
 - 7 Praise-worthy
 - 13 Ready money (4,4)
 - 13 Assiduous
 - 14 Total
 - 15 Snake
 - 16 Refuge
 - 21 Go by bike
 - 22 Curled, winding bird
 - 23 Tender

Yesterday's Solutions

ORDINARY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Mustered; 2. Saucer; 3. Negligent; 4. Elf; 5. Even; 11. Added; 12. Cotton; 14. Aster; 17. Patent; 18. Comb; 20. Breeze; 21. Breeze; 22. Enter; 24. Gladness; DOWN: 1. Manner; 2. Suggest; 3. Bore; 4. Remains; 5. Curled; 6. Wind; 7. Pensive; 8. Animal; 13. Chatter; 15. Bore; 21. Find.

GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

Prices maintain upward momentum

TEL AVIV. — For the fourth consecutive session share prices yesterday continued to advance along a broad front. There is a continuous new inflow of money from the public, which is slowly beginning to make itself felt. This was shown by the turnovers, which totalled nearly 151.3 billion.

On the other hand, the all-out buying spree, almost without concern for what is being purchased, is losing some of its steam. At the rate things are moving, it would not be surprising to see some profit-taking by tomorrow. Yet that prospect does not seem ominous, since with each passing day the banks continue to sell shares from their accumulated stocks. The greater the banks' liquidity, the greater the chance that the profit-taking will not take on too severe proportions.

The General Share Index, bank shares excepted, continued to move ahead and posted a gain of 1.79%. Oil shares had the best performance of the session with a sectorial gain of 5.1%. Insurance securities were ahead by more than 3%.

In the commercial bank group there were some pleasant surprises. The Maritime Bank 0.1 shares soared by 10% in heavy trading. The bank is a member of the Eisenberg group of companies. The FIBI-Danot shares slowed their upward move. The Danot 1.0 shares rose by 2.7%, while the 5.0 shares gained 2.1%. FIBI was a 3.8% winner but its shares of the First International Bank remained unchanged in spite of substantial buying demand.

Among mortgage bank shares independence was ahead by 8.6%, 15% better, while the C shares advanced by 10.3%. Fertilizers 0.1 joined the 15% winners. ZION Cables continued strong, but it was the option which was an attention-getter with a rise of 22.9%. The Katzenstein-Adler option matched the ZION Cables option with an identical 22.9% gain.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

but the attendant option zipped ahead by 17.4%.

Clal Leasing 0.1, with a 10% gain, was the group leader in a generally rising specialized financial institutions group.

The insurance equities stole the show. Yardenia 0.1 was up 14.3%. Aryeh was 6.3% higher, while the B option was 12.1% better. Others, for the greater part, reflected gains of up to 7%.

As has often been the case, the real fireworks were in the service and trade group. Cold Storage 1.0, in the wake of three sessions of being "buyers only" soared by 37.3%. The 0.1 shares were 10% higher. Hilan gained 10.1%, as the option was an even better feature with an 18.7% rise. Bonded Warehouses was still going strong yesterday. The 0.1 issue was "buyers only," while the 0.5 shares were 14.6% higher. Nikov Computers 1.0 dipped in with a 14.4% advance.

Ben-Yakar 1.0, with a 15.3% upward move, turned in the best performance in the land development and real estate group. Lumir, in spite of its recent sharp gains, was established as "buyers only." Lumir is a part of the Eisenberg group.

Industrials also had their share of advancing issues. Atlas was 8.9% higher, while the option lagged behind only slightly as it raced ahead by 17.9%. Ata B was nearly

15% better, while the C shares advanced by 10.3%. Fertilizers 0.1 joined the 15% winners. ZION Cables continued strong, but it was the option which was an attention-getter with a rise of 22.9%. The Katzenstein-Adler option matched the ZION Cables option with an identical 22.9% gain.

In the investment company group it was Incoba which was the leader and also the single best performer of the entire session. The Incoba shares recorded an upward jump of no less than 46.2%. The shares of the Israel Corporation traded ex-bonus shares. The 1.0 shares advanced by 2.1% but the 5.0 shares were unchanged.

Central Trade was ahead by more than 13%. Profit-taking was evident in the Clal Industries shares. However, the buyers stepped in and bought at a price which was only two points lower than that of the preceding session. Clal Real Estate was 1% improved. Oz Investments 0.1 and 0.5 shares were among those issues which scored 15% gains. Piryon, in spite of moderate demand, traded unchanged.

Index-linked bonds continued to trade with little change. Trading was only moderately active.

The shekel was devalued by 10 agorot against the dollar.

Volatility statistics showed that 173 securities advanced by margins of 5% or better. Of these 30 were registered as "buyers only." Only one security was established as "sellers only" and eight others declined by more than 5%.

Yesterday a number of companies traded ex-rights. These included Export Investments, Fertilizers 0.1 and 0.5, Landeco 1.0 and 5.0, and Goldfrost 1.0, 5.0 and options.

There were ten individual securities which traded yesterday as "buyers only" for the second consecutive time. Today they will trade without price restraints and the management of the exchange asks that investors place orders with a price limit.

The ten securities are: Shilton option B, Consortium option A, Parize option, Contractors centre, Clal Leasing, Lighterage 0.1, Ariadon 0.1, HLB Real Estate 0.1, Mishanel and Unico(r).

Most active stocks

FIBI	811	4,809.0	+30
Hapoelim R	2195	3,668.8	+10
First Int'l	720	3,592.4	n.c.
Shares traded:		151,263.3m.	
Convertible:		15,144.4m.	
Bonds:		15,252.9m.	

Bank of Israel exchange rates

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June 6, 1983	45.0776
U.S. dollar	17.4390
British sterling	17.5765
German mark	5.8457
French franc	15.6411
Dutch guilder	21.2901
Swiss franc	5.9060
Swedish krona	6.2370
Norwegian krone	4.9091
Danish krone	8.1412
Canadian dollar	36.5252
Australian dollar	39.6750
South African rand	41.5413
Belgian franc (10)	8.7999
Austrian schilling (10)	24.6528
Italian lire (1,000)	2.9649
Japanese yen (100)	18.7511
Jordanian dinar	124.87
Lebanese pound	10.53
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IDB R	3335	1527	+16	+5
IDB B	3290	303	n.c.	
IDB P	19500	2	n.c.	
IDB op 1	2320	168	+25	+1.1
Union R	3637	31	n.c.	
Union op 1	4180	101	+75	+1.8
Discount A	4180	300	+18	+4
Discount B	3250	39	+20	+6
Discount C	476	110	n.c.	
Mizrahi R	1321	2581	+8	+5
Mizrahi op 1	1321	44	+8	+5
Mizrahi op 3	1321	44	+8	+5
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General op 6	28300	2	-360	-1.3	Oren op 1	550	111	+85	+
General op 8	9701	4	-300	-3.0	Azorim Invest.	360	441	—	+
General sc 5	35320	1	n.c.	—	Azorim r	395	1974	+13	+
General 7	330	275	0	—	Azorim op C	1785	11	-34	+
Leumi	2737	1,954	+7	+3	Azorim op D	763	73	+78	+
Leumi op 13	2030	107	—	—	Azorim op E	398	275	—	+
Leumi sc 9	1860	107	-10	-1.0	Africa lar 01	8230	6	+10	—
OHK r	5309	11	10	+5	Africa lar 1.0	7402	5	+2	—
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Questions and inquiries

THE DEMAND for a commission of inquiry into the government's direction of the Lebanese war is gathering support. First raised by Shinui, it now also enjoys the backing of the Alignment, which is planning its own motion for the Knesset agenda on the subject.

Predictably, the demand has not found particular favour in the eyes of most members of the coalition. The findings of any inquiry commission could not be fully revealed, for they would contain too many secrets of state. But even a partial disclosure might be highly uncomplimentary to Menachem Begin's administration. Plainly fearing this, a number of Likud deputies have already charged the opposition with a "transparent" plot to undermine the government.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday objected to the idea on the more solid ground of principle. If an inquiry were instituted into Operation Peace for Galilee, he argued, then not one of Israel's wars should be spared an investigation. This does not necessarily follow, but even if true it would not be an argument against an examination of the latest war, especially in view of the fact — momentarily lost, it seems, on Mr. Nissim — that Israel's major previous war did have its Agrat Commission.

A similar investigation into the Lebanese war would be at least as well warranted as the official study, now in process with the justice minister's hearty approval, of a 50-year-old murder on the Tel Aviv seashore.

There was, in any case, no need for an inquiry, said Mr. Nissim, because the main lines — and on occasion even the details — of military operations in the war had all been approved by the cabinet.

But were they really? This is the central issue in a debate that started early in the war and that has been intensifying as evidence keeps coming in that, official claims to the contrary, the cabinet was itself the victim of manipulation bordering on deception by the then defence minister, Ariel Sharon, with a view to forcing an expansion of the war beyond its original aims.

"The cabinet had the whole picture," Mr. Sharon insisted on the radio on Saturday, complaining that some of his colleagues were unwilling to acknowledge their responsibility for the consequences of their decisions. But if the cabinet had "the whole picture," it seems to have had it only in the sense that, as the prime minister acknowledged at the time, and Deputy Premier Simha Ehrlich has just recalled, he had always been briefed about military moves by Mr. Sharon — sometimes before and sometimes after the event.

Speaking on television Sunday night Mr. Ehrlich gave credence to earlier suspicion that, contrary to declared policy, Mr. Sharon deliberately provoked the Syrians into action on the second day of the war. This he did by ordering the army to encircle the Syrians, thus crossing the 45 km. line in the east. But then Rafael Eitan, chief of staff at the time, insists that the army never received any specific instructions to confine its northern advance to a line 45 km. from the frontier. If that is the case, then, the cabinet, the Knesset and the nation as a whole were indeed misled.

Although he, too, is opposed to a commission of inquiry, Mr. Ehrlich admits that the cabinet in fact took a very forgiving attitude towards the great many "irregularities" perpetrated by Mr. Sharon. The former defence minister stoutly denies that he was guilty of any irregularities. He and Mr. Ehrlich cannot both be right, and both of them should have a stake in getting the truth out. They won't support it, but the fact is that getting the truth out could only be done by an impartial commission of inquiry.

In search of a stadium

DAYS LENGTHEN into weeks, weeks into months, months into years, and still Jerusalem is no nearer getting the soccer stadium the city needs and deserves. Nowhere in the world — we are thinking not only of the opulent West and the sports-minded communist countries, but also of the poor countries of the southern hemisphere — is there a city the size of Jerusalem that is without a decent sports stadium.

The position is getting worse with the passing of time. Instead of sportsmen being enabled to play football, bureaucrats and politicians are indulging in the game they love so dearly and play so well, procrastination. Their latest triumph is to get us back to square one, a possible review of the decision to reject the building of the Hapoel ground in Katamon. If this appeal succeeds, there will certainly be further appeals, and representations in high places, and nothing will be done, and the century will come to an end.

Every now and then some politician or bureaucrat will say brightly, "What about the Hebrew University stadium?" and there will be more plans, surveys, review committees, and nothing will be done.

The failure to provide Jerusalem with a stadium is no longer merely a disgrace to the city, it is a national scandal. That the sports-lovers of so large and famous a city should be unable to see even league games played under reasonable conditions, let alone famous teams in action, is inexcusable.

The time has come to tear up all the rules of the game of procrastination, and to stop the runaround of Katamon-Hebrew University-Shuafat. To all these sites, objections, good or bad, have been made. The municipality should surely have wit enough to find some site somewhere on the outskirts of the city which will not provoke objections. Vast areas have been built up into dormitory towns around Jerusalem while the stadium debate has been going on.

Mr. Kollek should dedicate himself to finding a new site for a stadium, and getting plans approved. This stadium may be built in two stages — the first one to provide a ground for league matches before 6,000-7,000 spectators, the second one to give us a stadium of international standard. Something can — and should — be done.

THE CONFLICT in Lebanon has reached a new stage after that country signed an agreement with Israel. The complete withdrawal of Israeli forces specified by the agreement would leave U.S. Marines in key positions only a few kilometres away from Soviet military personnel operating sophisticated weaponry for the Syrians. This begins to look like a typical cold war confrontation, with the Lebanese Government, supported by the Marines, representing one side of the iron curtain and the Syrian Government, supported by the Soviets, the other.

There is a frightening parallel between this Middle East confrontation and the partition of Germany. The border between Syria and Lebanon is an artificial line, drawn after World War I by the victorious European allies.

There are Arab Moslems living on both sides of this border who consider themselves to be the same people. The Lebanese Christians who want independence are further west. The Syrians view the creation of Lebanon as a partition of their country into "East and West" Syria.

They consider Lebanon as West Syria and have never recognized its right to independence. There has never been a Syrian ambassador in Lebanon, and Lebanese affairs are handled by the Syrian ministry of the interior. The Syrian government believes that its troops have every right to remain in Lebanon.

Before the recent civil war in Lebanon, Syrian Moslems travelled freely across the border to visit relatives in Lebanon. But the

Cold war in Lebanon

By HARRY J. LIPKIN

border had already become a cold war line. It separated the prosperous westernized economy of Lebanon from that of the Syrian "Arab Socialist" regime, which had obviously failed to provide a better life for its people. The Syrian Moslems saw that their Lebanese relatives had an incomparably higher standard of living and went on shopping sprees to bring back "luxury" items unobtainable in Syria. Some Lebanese even claim that this was one of the motivations for Syria to foment the civil war in Lebanon. Damascus could not build a Berlin Wall. Instead it chose to destroy Lebanon's prosperity.

Today the Lebanese Government is demanding the withdrawal of Syrian forces from its territory, but the Syrians show no signs of budging. The U.S. has put its prestige on the line and will certainly lose a great deal by backing down in the face of a Soviet-supported regime with Soviet military personnel on the spot. The only tactic that can induce the Syrians to leave is the threat of an all-out war, which they would certainly lose. But nobody in the area wants an all-out war. This sets the stage for dangerous brinkmanship.

THE U.S. administration has taken a consistently tough line against the

Russians and will do everything possible to reduce Soviet influence in the Middle East. Countering the Soviet moves in Syria has a much higher priority for the Americans than the Palestine problem. The goal of present U.S. policy seems to be to divert Arab and world attention from Israel and the Palestinian problem in order to deal with the Russians.

The Reagan Plan for the Middle East has served its purpose of paying appropriate lip service to the Palestinian cause to divert Arab criticism without taking any real action. The Lebanese-Israeli agreement has again shown the Arab world that only the U.S. has the power to force Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territory. The apparent narrative of Secretary of State Shultz in ignoring the Syrians is part of the game. The U.S. is now in a good position to isolate the Syrians and put pressure on them.

The Americans have nothing to lose by threatening drastic action against the Syrians, now that they have successfully defused the Israeli and Palestinian factors. The Lebanese Christians had managed to achieve a stalemate with the Syrians in the Lebanese Civil War without any American aid. Today the Americans can threaten to sup-

ply them with "defensive weapons" capable of turning any Syrian city within artillery range into a mass of rubble. The result could be a war of attrition in which the Syrians would suffer for the first time, while the Lebanese would not suffer anything like the destruction of the civil war and the Israelis sit on the sidelines.

But even if the Syrians are provoked into war, they will be unable to win because any serious Syrian gains would provoke Israeli intervention. Thus it would be the Israelis who fight the Syrians, not the Americans, and the U.S. takes little risk by such brinkmanship. This might convince the Syrians that it is worthwhile for them to pull their forces out of Lebanon under an agreement which demilitarizes all territory within artillery range of Damascus. What will happen next is anybody's guess.

ONE POSSIBLE way out of this impasse is a universal declaration of the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon and the right of its people to self determination. Here the Syrians can be completely isolated, because only they still believe that Lebanon is really a province of Syria. Even the rest of the Arab world and the Russians recognize Lebanese sovereignty and

exchange ambassadors with Lebanon.

Even if Syrian complaints about the injustice of the border are legitimate, the rest of the Third World has learned to live with artificial borders drawn by colonial powers and accepts these borders as sacred starting points in all disputes. Questioning the legitimacy of such borders opens a Pandora's box that all Third World countries will open immediately. Even the last remaining border dispute between Egypt and Israel centres on the exact location of such an artificial border.

A U.N. resolution on Lebanese independence and sovereignty, which urges all member states to open normal diplomatic relations with Lebanon, might be the beginning of a campaign to exert pressure on the Syrians to accept this reality. This must, of course, be accompanied by a recognition of Syria's legitimate security concerns in a territory within artillery range of Damascus. But it may be possible to find an arrangement that satisfies Syrian security needs without giving the Syrians extra-territorial rights in Lebanon.

Once the question of Syrian involvement in Lebanese affairs is settled, the problem remains of how the different warring factions in Lebanon can get together and settle their differences peacefully. This is a difficult problem, but it is not an impossible one, once the external forces exploiting the internal divisions are eliminated.

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THE DARK SIDE OF ARGENTINA

By MARIANO CASTEX

When free elections installed a government sustained by a vast majority of the vote, terrorism, instead of disappearing, increased.

In some places, working, studying, or simply trying to live became impossible. In those days, the right and the left quarrelled among themselves, killing the luckless who were caught between them. The democratic government proved incapable of controlling events, and so a group of military leaders, spurred by conservative elements, took power under the pretext that chaos reigned in the country and government was practically non-existent.

Instead of choosing a lawful way to fight illegality, as other countries have, they chose illegal and immoral means. To "reinstall justice," they used injustice, torture and murder. Little by little, corruption permeated the government, and, as always occurs, dictatorship ended up in tyranny.

THE FACTS are before our eyes. Many people in Argentina have forgotten how to think in a democratic way. Like small children, they hear, see or read only what the illustrious military officers decide is good for them. Knowledge of how to live and work in liberty is non-existent.

The Argentine Government justifies itself by speaking about the seriousness of the terror war waged against it. It seems to ignore absolutely that its judges and police

force have used lies, forgery and systematic torture to bring opponents to trial. The courts receive orders through a telephone line and anyone who decides to stick, even a little bit, to lawful procedure, is ignored or kicked out.

The military government in Argentina seems to forget, when speaking about terrorist warfare, that it must also explain why all common-law offenders are ill-treated and systematically tortured.

During my years in prison, I documented more than 3,000 cases of torture. These cases were proved to exist, but judges dismissed the evidence, arguing that it is impossible to determine who did the torturing and in what security office it took place. The systematic murder of about 100 ordinary prisoners in Villa Devoto's prison around the end of the Seventies has never been investigated thoroughly; it was neatly covered up by a well-known judge, Dr. Rivarola. He was rewarded by being made president of the Second Criminal Appeals Court in Buenos Aires.

IF THE Argentine Government really has decided to return to legal procedures before elections take place, it should remove its chief of police and select a new Supreme Court, accepted by all major political parties. It is not conceivable that a general in charge of security is incapable of finding out who in his department is responsible

for torture. Nonetheless, there he remains, untouchable and immovable. Nothing is done on the matter. Many high officers in Argentina have too many crimes to cover up.

To speak so and to write all this is, for these people, to be a Marxist. The reader may judge if this is so.

AS FOR anti-Semitism, though many in Europe and the U.S. believe otherwise, Argentina is not an anti-Semitic country. You can find racists or fanatics there, as many or perhaps less in terms of the total population than in other civilized parts of the world.

The proportion of Jews among the *desaparecidos* is certainly high. I believe there is an explanation for this. As a teacher at university, for years, I have observed that many of the best of my students and those most sensitive to social and political questions have been Jews. The Argentine situation creates an intellectual and emotional emptiness among the younger generation, which is easily exploited by terrorist organizations selling original ideas. Young men and women can be expected to search out new ideas when psychology and sociology are considered dangerous careers, Darwin, Hegel and Freud are termed "corruptors of the mind" and the works of Thomas Aquinas are obligatory reading even for engineering or economics students in the National University of Buenos Aires.

It is not surprising then that many Jewish students were among the terrorists. Many also had nothing to do with the terrorists, and were only friends of those involved or appeared in their notebooks for study reasons. If Argentina does not evolve into democracy, the solution for young Jews is to search for ideals outside the country, as the vast majority of Argentine intellectuals and artists, non-Jews, have done. Under a reign of ignorance, it is folly to be wise.

It certainly is better to be alive and fight in exile for a free Argentina than to lie dead under the boots of ignorance and perversity, be this in a cemetery or in the silenced halls of a university.

I must stress, therefore, that in prison camps, I have not seen special persecution of Jews, although I have seen a few cases in which certain guards have attacked Jews for being Jews. Hence, I do not believe in the statement Jacobo Timerman on this particular matter, nor do I believe in his proclaimed "Zionism." He was a victim, as we all have been. His story, in general facts, is true and well-written. But perhaps he was much better treated than many others. Discussion in this matter is useless.

THE ARGUMENT of the Argentine Government that it was impossible to identify a large number of those who died in riots or in combat with terrorists is childish and can not be accepted. Everybody in Argentina knows to what extent fingerprints are taken from all citizens under any pretext. In prisons, nearly daily, we were controlled in this way, and so were all visitors. When security forces so wish, identifications are thoroughly made.

Argentina's security forces keep neat and detailed files on everything they do. Until last December, these still existed. If names are withheld — except in cases of a *desaparecido* living abroad, and there are some — there must be other reasons why the military authorities keep the facts from the public. Sometimes, the dead, tortured terrorists, or those suspected of terror are left where violence occurred so people will believe that they were responsible for the violence. Assassinations have been attributed to leftist terrorists that were a consequence of fighting among military units. This was the case in the death of the ex-chief of the Federal Police Villar. Police officers speak about it openly and name names. In Argentina, no statement or official press release from the military authorities is reliable. Their imagination is fantastic and their methods those of gangsters.

The important issue is how to proceed in the fight for democracy in Argentina and to work against all violations of human rights, there and elsewhere in the world. No country is allowed to claim that this is a matter of internal affairs.

It is also true that democratic countries should understand the real dangers terrorism poses for liberty and subtle ways it uses to obtain its victories. Israel, in its heroic fight for life and freedom, witnesses this daily.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE FACTS IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Jerusalem Post has ignored Israeli and international law, as well as accepted moral standards in its editorial of May 13, "The blight of vigilantism."

You should know the facts in Judea and Samaria:

The Israeli Supreme Court ruled that these areas are not occupied territories.

Esther Ohana was murdered and her killers were sentenced to 11-13 years — unusually lenient for murder.

Terrorist activities have resulted in Jewish deaths in the Hebron area and serious casualties elsewhere on the roads.

Arab theft of government land and illegal building at an alarming pace go unpunished.

The trials of Jews accused of violations are trumpeted on the front page; their subsequent acquittals are hidden on back pages. The Jerusalem Post, however, has gone one step beyond those responsible for prosecuting Jewish settlers without having any case against them. By condemning innocent people before they have stood trial, by declaring that government measures cannot curb terrorism and simultaneously casting doubt on the basic right of the individual to defend himself, The Post has implicitly

legitimized terrorist attacks on Jewish settlers.

While The Post has a right to hold its own political position regarding settlement in Judea and Samaria, this surely has gone beyond the bounds of legitimate political discussion.

SHIFRA BLASS
Spokeswoman,
The Council for Jewish Cities and Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza

Ofra.

PARENT CENTRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I should like to complete the administrative picture in Roberta Rebold's article, "Centring on parents," which appeared in Today of May 25.

The Jerusalem Centre for Parent Guidance is the brainchild of WIZO, the Jerusalem Municipality and the Division of Parent Guidance, directed by Yaela Vosev, who has developed the Centre along with the Institute for Parent Group Leaders. Rena Cohen administrates this Institute.

These projects have grown as a result of the striving of Dr. Avraham Tsivion, Director of Adult Education, Ministry of Education.

RENEE S. TUCKER
Jerusalem.

SETTLEMENT FOR RETIRED IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Following publication some time ago of an interview with me in your newspaper, I received and continue to receive many inquiries from people interested in the projected settlement for retired immigrants to be called Eshel. Unfortunately, I have nothing new to add. It is still only an idea, which has many supporters, but has not yet broken through the bureaucratic barrier. We were unable to find an official body willing to adopt the project and steer it through the ministerial settlement committee.

However, following a conversation with Matityahu Shmuelovitz, the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, I sent him a full report on the project. Mr. Shmuelovitz was a great help in setting up Moshav Dekel, and I hope that he will be able to do the same for Eshel.

In the meantime, I would request all interested parties to refrain from contacting me: as soon as there is something new to impart, I will of course do so.

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